



APTA Access Committee

In-Person Meeting

Sunday, October 8th, 2023

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT

Florida Ballroom A, Hyatt Regency Orlando

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks from Committee Chair *Christian Kent*
2. Self-Introductions
3. Remarks from APTA Leadership
4. Rethinking Paratransit: Can We Do Better?
 - Wednesday, October 11 panel session (see reverse side)
 - [FTA September 14 Dear Colleague Letter on Real-Time ADA Paratransit Service](#)
5. Ongoing Accessibility Improvements at APTA Meetings – *Christina Garneski*
6. Digital Accessibility:
 - Redo of APTA website – *Christina Garneski*
 - [DOJ NPRM on Accessibility of Web Information and Services](#) – *Ron Brooks*
7. Report on APTA Diversity & Inclusion Program / Racial Equity Program – Year 1
8. Report by the Accessible Transit & Paratransit Operations Subcommittee – *David Rishel*
9. Officer Elections / Transition of Officers
 - Vice Chair Candidates
 - o *Mandee Steele*, Vice President of Business Development, Transdev
 - o *Lisa Womack*, Senior Manager of Mobility Innovation, Johnson County Transit Division - Public Works & Infrastructure Department, Olathe, KS
 - Office of Access Committee Secretary
 - Passing the gavel: Christian Kent to Brandon Policicchio (Access Committee Chair)
10. Open Mic / News and Information Sharing
11. Adjourn



Wednesday, October 11

10:30 – 11:30 am

Location: 311 E-H, West Bldg, Orange County Convention Center

Rethinking Paratransit: Can We Do Better?

Given the attainment of fully-accessible bus fleets, the rise of mobility-on-demand and microtransit services, and the availability of new communication and automation technologies, many observers see this as a time to rethink the goals and practice of advance-reservation paratransit. Panelists will take a deep-dive into these and other questions.

Moderator: *Christian T. Kent*, Principal, Transit Management Consulting, LLC and Chair, APTA Access Committee

Panelists:

- *Ron Brooks*, Founder and CEO, Accessible Avenue, LLC and Immediate Past Chair, APTA Access Committee
- *Inez Evans*, President & CEO, IndyGo
- *Chris Pangilinan*, Vice President for Paratransit, New York City Transit
- *Marc Klein*, SVP, Strategic Accounts and Smart Cities, Beep