

GULF COAST CHAPTER

Texas Association for Pupil Transportation

2006 – 2007

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Date: April 4, 2007

To: Gulf Coast Chapter TAPT, Member Addressed

From: Brian Weisinger President
Sam Davila Vice President
Keith Kaup Secretary
Bill Conaway Treasurer
Marisa Weisinger Parliamentarian

Subject: **Gulf Coast Chapter TAPT April Meeting ~ April 10, 2007.**

_____ will sponsor the April 2007 meeting of the Gulf Coast TAPT Chapter on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 hosted by Deer Park ISD at the Deer Park ISD Transportation Center located at 501 E. 2nd Street in Deer Park. (Please see directions below.) The meeting will start at 10:00 AM. The minutes of the March 2007 meeting are included below for your examination and review.

Agenda for April 2007

Call to Order: *President – Brian Weisinger*

Invocation/Pledge:

Welcome and Introductions:

Program & Lunch Sponsor: TBA

Minutes of Previous Meeting: *(see below)*

Treasurer's Report: *Balance as of April 5, 2007: \$5,234.25*
177 Paid Members to date

Old Business:

New Business: Discussion and Action on proposed amendments to the GCAPT Constitution and By-Laws
Officer Elections for 2007-2008 School Year
GCAPT School Bus Safety Poster Contest Voting

Committee Reports:

Program: Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network
Texas Fuel Coop

Adjourn:

Raffle basket: *TBA*



Texas Pledge of Allegiance

"Honor the Texas flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

Upcoming Meetings & Events

April

1 – GCAPT Scholarship Applications DUE

10 – Chapter Meeting, **Deer Park ISD**

Sponsor – _____

14 – GCAPT School Bus Safety Road-e-o,
Houston ISD

23 – 6th Annual TAPT State School Bus Safety
Speech Contest, **Austin**

27-30 – TEEX Train the Trainer, **Austin ISD**

May

8 – Chapter Meeting, **Humble ISD (Humble
Civic Center)**

**Sponsors – Longhorn Bus Sales,
International & Forward Edge**

23 – Child Passenger Safety Training, **Region
IV ESC**

June

1-4 – TEEX Train the Trainer, **El Paso**

15-20 – TAPT Conference & Trade Show,
Waco

July

6-9 – TEEX Train the Trainer, **Bryan**

For STATE School Bus Speech Contest Information, please contact Pam McCurdy, TxDPS, 254-759-7111
pam.mccurdy@txdps.state.tx.us

For REGIONAL School Bus Speech Contest Information, please contact Kathryn Cook, Region IV ESC,
713-744-6887
kcook@esc4.net

For Train the Trainer information, please contact Laura Wilson, TEEX, 979-862-3735.
laura.wilson@teexmail.tamu.edu

For Child Passenger Safety information, please contact Pam McCurdy, TxDPS, 254-759-7111
pam.mccurdy@txdps.state.tx.us

For TEA School Transportation information, please contact Randy Boatman, TEA, 512-463-9238
randy.boatman@tea.state.tx.us

For TASB safety information, please contact Chuck Kennedy, TASB Risk Management, 800-482-7276 x-6609
chuck.kennedy@tasb.org

Secretary Nominee Biography

Angel Kersten
Administrative Assistant
Columbia-Brazoria ISD

Angel Kersten has been in the Transportation Profession for almost three years. She is currently the Administrative Assistant at Columbia Brazoria Independent School District. She is an active member of the GCAPT, the TAPT and is working on her TAPT Certification. Angel attended ULM in Monroe, Louisiana for three years where she pursued a degree in Elementary Education. Angel currently serves as Secretary of the West Columbia Elementary PTO. She is also the current Cub Master of Pack 508 in West Columbia, Texas. Angel is also a member of the Girl's Softball Association where she enjoys coaching her daughter's softball team. Angel presently resides in West Columbia, Texas with her husband. They have two children Raymond age 7 and Gracie age 6.

Treasurer Nominee Biography

Martha Gainous
Payroll / Human Resources Supervisor
Houston ISD

My stalwart career with HISD commenced in 1980, and is financially cemented. In my current position, I ensure that 1500+ Transportation employees receive their bi-weekly pay in an accurate and efficient manner. I am heralded throughout the district for my ability to quickly and compassionately resolve payroll concerns. It is my belief that the responsibility of the Transportation department is to safely and perpetually transport our most precious resources, the students of HISD; mandating that staff receive their pay without incidence.

I helped to implement the current PeopleSoft software system used to process payroll that is currently used in every other district in the Houston and surrounding 13 counties. My supervisory vernacular encompasses four bus motor pools; four bus repair shops; seven payroll data specialists; safety personnel; routing and scheduling; and administrative staff. I assisted with instituted the long standing policy and procedures used to process Transportation payroll.

I have been a member of the Texas Association for Pupil Transportation since 2002. I received my TAPT certification in less than one year. I have tirelessly served on the TAPT annual conference registration committee for the past four years with honor.

I received my education in the HISD school system, attending Crawford and Sherman Elementary, Attucks Middle Schools and am a proud graduate of Evan E. Worthing High School. I attended Prairie View A&M University. I have been happily married to Carvett Gainous, Sr. for 25 years, and am the proud mother of Carvett Gainous Jr., a junior honors student at North Shore High School. I am a 37 year+ member of The Christian Hope Baptist Church where I sing in the Voices of Hope Choir and serves as Vice-President for many years. I am revered for my multifaceted talents as a fundraiser and services as chair of various committees. My fierce loyalty, humble honesty, and valiant integrity are surpassed only by my love for God and my family.

I wish to be considered as Treasurer for the TAPT Gulf Coast; my extensive financial background would require minimal training.

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For information regarding school bus transportation

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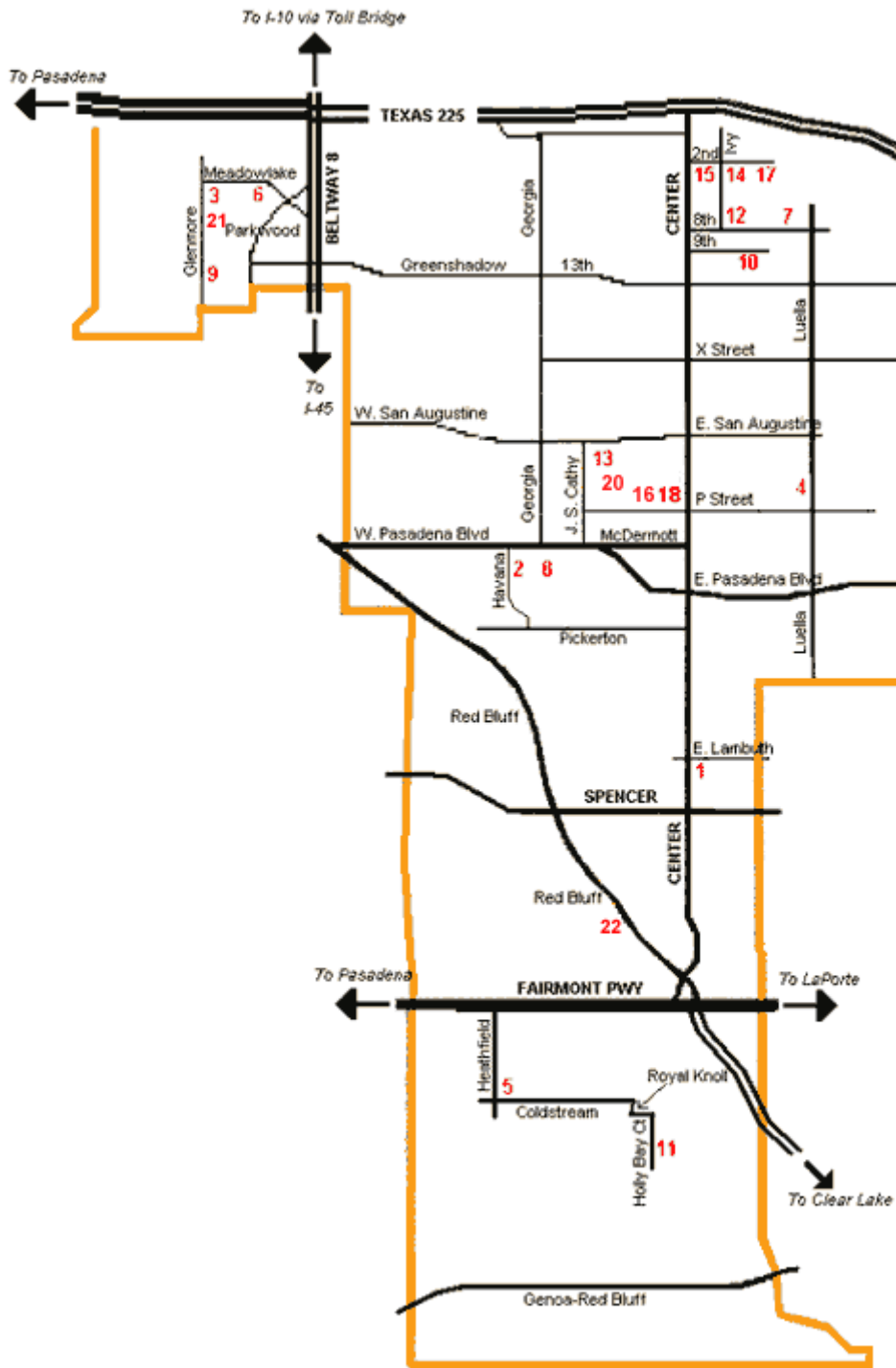
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Minutes from the March 2007 Meeting

- Call to Order:** President – Brian Weisinger
Attendance – 35
- Invocation/Pledge:** James Evans / Houston ISD
- Welcome and Introductions:** Jason Wickle – Region IV ESC
Paul Youngjohn – Houston ISD
- Minutes:** Motion by Aaron Hobbs – Houston ISD
Second by Stephen Loveless – Katy ISD
Motion passed
- Treasurer’s Report:** Motion by Bill Powell – Cy-Fair ISD
Second by Aaron Hobbs – Houston ISD
Motion passed
- Old Business:** Poster Contest April 10 Meeting
GCAPT Scholarship Application – April 1 deadline
- New Business:** *Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Bylaws including adding new officer position
*Officer Nominations must be submitted to Keith Kaup by March 30
*Discussion of proposed amendment to add stipulation for awarding per diem to State Road-e-o Contestants from GCAPT
- Committee Reports:**
- Aaron Hobbs – TAPT Nominating Committee
Nominating Committee needs interested parties to run for state positions (nominating committee, President Elect, and Area Director)
Travel for state officers is now covered by TAPT and not the responsibility of the supporting school district. See Aaron Hobbs or Larry Taylor for Nominating Committee.
 - Marisa Weisinger – GCAPT Winter Conference & Trade Show Committee
 - Brian Weisinger – TAPT Specifications Committee
 - Sam Davila – GCAPT Road-e-o
 - Bill Powell (for Debi Schlutz) – GCAPT Special Needs Road-e-o
- Program:** Sam Davila – Conroe ISD
Legislative Updates and Seatbelt Issues
Marisa Weisinger – Columbia Brazoria ISD
TAPT Position Statement on Seatbelts on School Buses
- Program Sponsor:** Thomas Bus Gulf Coast
- Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Aaron Hobbs – Houston ISD
Second by Paul Youngjohn – Houston ISD
Motion approved.

Raffle Donations:

\$129 Collected toward the GCAPT Scholarship



map created by Charles Claunch

Directions:

From I-45

Take I-610 East OR BW8 East to TX 225 East.
Exit Center Street and turn Right
Turn left on Second St.
Transportation will be at the end on the right.

From I-10 West

Take I-610 South to TX 225 East.
Exit Center Street and turn Right
Turn left on Second St.
Transportation will be at the end on the right.

From I-10 East

Take I-10 West to Spur 330 in Baytown
Take Spur 330 to TX 146
Take TX 146 to TX 225 West
Exit Center Street and turn Left
Turn Left on Second St.
Transportation will be at the end on the right.