

# GULF COAST

## Association for Pupil Transportation

### 2017 - 2018

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**Date:** December 09, 2017

**To:** Gulf Coast APT, Member Addressed

**From:** Richard Spencer      President  
Darcas Whitworth      President-Elect  
Hector Silva              Vice President  
Demetrius Martin      Secretary/Treasurer  
Barbara Rendon         Past President

**Subject:** **Gulf Coast APT Meeting ~ December 12, 2017**

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**Chalk's Truck Parts** will sponsor the December 12, 2017, meeting of the Gulf Coast APT on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport, located at, 9100 Gulf Fwy, Houston, Texas 77017 (Please see directions below). The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. The minutes of the November, 2017 meeting are included below for your examination and review.

### **Agenda for December Meeting**

**Call to Order:** *President – Richard Spencer*

**Invocation/Pledge:** Ms. Darcas Whitworth / Mr. Denny Haas

**Welcome and Introductions:** Richard Davis

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** *(see below)*

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of December 09, 2017  
\$ 17,061.63      50 ISD members -- 14 vendor members

Acceptance of November minutes

Acceptance of treasury report

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Committee/Agency Reports:**

TAPT,  
TASBO  
TASBT,  
Region IV,  
Region VI,  
Events, -  
Specifications,  
Certification, -  
Nominating, -

Legislative, -  
Membership, -  
etc.

**Program:** Chuck Kennedy from TASB

**Program & Lunch Sponsor:** Chalk's Truck Parts

**Adjourn:**

**Raffle basket:** Chalk's Truck Parts

### **Agenda for November Meeting**

**Call to Order:** *President – Richard Spencer*

**Invocation/Pledge:** Lamar CISD ROTC

**Welcome and Introductions:** Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Randle

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** *(see below)*

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of November 11, 2017  
\$ 17,732.26    44 ISD members -- 12 vendor members

Acceptance of October minutes  
Jim Abney  
2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Brown

Acceptance of treasury report  
Tiffany Sootoo  
2<sup>nd</sup> Crosby ISD Director

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Barbara Rendon – Message from Billy Taylor: There will be a Thomas Bus class at the New Caney ISD Transportation Department. There are 15-20 seats available. E-mail Billy Taylor at New Caney ISD.org for more information.

Richard Spencer – I recommend we move the August chapter meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August. Motion to change August chapter meeting date to 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday August 07, 2018  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Abney  
2018 GCAPT Chapter August chapter meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August.

#### **Committee/Agency Reports:**

TAPT, - Bill Powell – Classes coming up in South Padre Island Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturday classes will be Personnel Management, Communications Skills, etc.  
Sunday classes will be Routing and Scheduling.  
TAPT is still getting ready for state conference in Corpus Christi  
The Road-e-o will be held on Saturday.

TASBO – Jim Abney – February conference  
Some classes offered can be transferred to TAPT certification.  
Transportation advisory committee participation is needed.

TASBT, - Bill Powell – Also offering classes in South Padre Island.

NAPT, - Bill Powell & Jim Abney – NAPT Conference was very interesting.  
School choice is sure to come to Texas eventually.  
National Transportation Safety Board said nationally mandated seat belts won't happen because the federal government won't fund.  
It appears more districts in state and nationwide are moving towards seat belts.  
Question from Hector Silva – Some of our Head Start students won't fit in their seat belts. How are you all addressing similar challenges?

Region IV, Jerry Lashley – We're through our back log from the beginning of the year.  
We've had a lot of transitioning challenges and will be offering more classes in the near future.  
I'll send out a monthly training calendar for everyone to review.  
Please reach out to me or Virginia French

Region VI, - Melvin Jefferson – We offer online recertification classes.  
Along with TXDOT we're offering training.  
We also offer some free training to drivers.

Events, - Hector Silva – April 14, 2018, Road-e-o at Spring ISD.  
Catering has been secured by Josh Rice  
Regular Education Road-e-o Chair is Cassandra Behr.  
Special Needs Road-e-o Chair is Anthony Shields.  
  
Remarks from Bill Powell – We're still gathering input about holding state road-e-o at a different time of year to get more volunteers and beat the summer heat.  
We are also considering a new date because Texans are the last participants to register for the international road-e-o.  
We need your input so e-mail concerns to Hector Silva and he'll forward thoughts to Bill Powell.

Specifications, - Bill Powell – Met on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at DPS with Rebecca Rotcha.  
Seatbelts are in main body of school bus specifications manual with a clause stating district ability to opt out.  
Specification should be coming out soon.

Certification, - None

Nominating, - Jim Abney – Historian, Secretary, Area 3 Director, Business Associate, etc.  
Contact Jim Abney.  
Check online for more info.  
April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for scholarship and employee of the year nominations

Legislative, - None  
Membership, - None  
etc.

**Program:** Operation Lifesaver Mark Carnes

**Program & Lunch Sponsor:** Bus Air Manufacturing

**Adjourn:** Henry from FBISD  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tiffany Sootoo

**Raffle basket:** Lamar CISD

# Upcoming Meetings & Events

## January

09 – Chapter Meeting, Spring ISD

*Co- Sponsor – Southern Tire Mart and American Traffic Solutions*



For REGIONAL School Bus Speech Contest Information, please contact Jerry Lashley, Region IV ESC, 713-744-6854. [jerry.lashley@esc4.net](mailto:jerry.lashley@esc4.net)

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For DPS School Transportation information, please contact Rebecca Rocha or Christie Hebert, Texas Department of Public Safety, 512-424-7396. [sbt@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:sbt@txdps.state.tx.us)

For TEA School Transportation information, please contact Danny Sanchez, TEA, 512-463-9266. [danny.sanchez@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:danny.sanchez@tea.state.tx.us)

For TASB safety information, please contact Chuck Kennedy, TASB Risk Management, 800-482-7276 x-6609 [chuck.kennedy@tasb.org](mailto:chuck.kennedy@tasb.org)