

# GULF COAST

## Association for Pupil Transportation

### 2014 - 2015

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**Date:** March 1, 2015

**To:** Gulf Coast Chapter TAPT, Member Addressed

**From:** Joe Dives                      President  
Josh Rice                      President-Elect  
Barbara Rendon              Vice President  
Deanna Wiggins              Treasurer  
Renee Davis                  Past President  
Frances Karcher              Chapter Secretary

**Subject:** Gulf Coast Chapter TAPT March Meeting ~ March 3, 2015

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**Pinnacle and Doggett Freightliner** will co-sponsor the March 2015 meeting of the Gulf Coast APT on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at New Caney ISD, at the Texan Drive Stadium 21262 US Highway 59, New Caney, TX 77357 (Please see directions below). The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. The minutes from the January, 2015 meeting are included below for your examination and review.

### **Agenda for March Meeting**

**Call to Order:**                      *President – Joe Dives*

**Invocation:**                      Ernest Nelson, Assistant Director of Transportation Services New Caney ISD  
**Pledge:**                              New Caney High School JROTC

**Welcome and Introductions:**      Josh Rice, Director of Transportation Services New Caney ISD  
Kenn Franklin, Superintendent New Caney ISD

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

**Treasurer’s Report:**              Balance as of March 1, 2015  
\$24,021.31

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Committee/Agency Reports:**      TAPT, TASBT, NAPT, TASBO, Region IV & VI, Events, Specifications,  
Certification, Nominating

**Program:**                              Troy Wootton, New Caney ISD Chief of Police

**Program & Lunch Sponsor:**      Pinnacle Medical Management and Doggett Freightliner

**Adjourn:**

**Raffle basket:**                      *New Caney ISD*



*Texas Pledge of Allegiance*  
“Honor the Texas flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### April

#### 14 – Chapter Meeting, Sheldon ISD

Sponsor – Woods Alternator

April 7 & 8, 2015  
Session ID 1077407  
\$100.00

Transportation Administrator Workshop

Region 4 ESC  
9:00am – 4:00pm  
Room MCC 100C

April 16, 2015  
Session ID 1077886  
No Fee

R4 Trainer focus Group

Region 4 ESC  
10:00am – 12:00 noon  
Room 102

April 21, 2015  
Session ID 1078788  
No Fee

Special Needs Leadership focus Group

Region 4 ESC  
9:30am – 11:30am  
Room 102

April 29, 2015  
Session ID 1077443  
No Fee

Transportation Advisory Committee  
Registered Directors/Asst. Directors only

Region 4 ESC  
10:00am – 1:00pm  
Room 202

### May

#### 12 – Chapter Meeting, Humble ISD

Co-Sponsors – Longhorn, Lemons Auctioneers and Andy's Auto

### June

#### TAPT Conference & Trade Show, Dallas, TX

For REGIONAL School Bus Speech Contest Information, please contact Charley Kennington, Region IV ESC, 832-768-2723. [ckennington@esc4.net](mailto:ckennington@esc4.net)

For Train the Trainer information, please contact Nicole Latham, TEEX, 979-862-3735. [nicole.latham@teemail.tamu.edu](mailto:nicole.latham@teemail.tamu.edu)

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, 512-463-9238. [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)

## Minutes from the January, 2015 Meeting

- Call to Order:** Joe Dives, President – 10:00  
Attendance - 73
- Invocation/Pledge:** Invocation – Cecil Phillips, Spring ISD  
Pledge – Renee Davis, Spring ISD
- Welcome and Introductions:** Brian Weisinger, Director of Transportation, Spring ISD  
Phillip Ellison, Asst. Superintendent for Business & Special Services Spring, ISD
- Minutes:** Motion by: Robin DE Rouen, Aldine ISD  
Second by: Debbie Jones, Columbia Brazoria ISD  
Motion: passed
- Treasurer's Report:** Motion by: Jim Abney, Alvin ISD  
Second by: Angle Kersten, Clear Creek ISD  
Motion: passed
- Old Business:** Winter Conference
- New Business:** none
- Committee Reports:**
- TAPT – Laura Villanueva, Keith Kaup
  - TASBT –
  - NAPT – Marisa Weisinger
  - Region IV – Charley Kennington
  - Region VI –
  - Events:
  - Specifications – Brian Weisinger
  - Certification –
  - Nominating Committee –
  - TASBO –
- Program:** **TX DPS – Erik Burse**
- Program Sponsors:** Southern Tire Mart and American Traffic Solutions, Inc.
- Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by: Keith Kaup, Sheldon ISD  
Second by: Aaron Hobbs, Dallas County Schools  
Motion: passed



**From 59 North** take Community Drive/FM 1314 Exit. Right past the county courthouse (near the Grand Parkway construction), Texan Drive Stadium will be on the right. \*Look for a police car.

**From 59 South** take the FM 1485 Exit. Make a U-turn at FM 1485 and stay on the feeder headed south. Right past the county courthouse (near the Grand Parkway construction), Texan Drive Stadium will be on the right. \*Look for a police car.

Texan Drive Stadium  
at New Caney ISD  
GPS: 21262 US 59, New Caney, Texas 77357

GCAPT members,

I wanted to send a reminder that we will take official nominations for the office of Vice President during the March meeting in New Caney. If you would like to nominate someone for Vice President, this would be the time to do so, as well as have the person you nominated accept or decline. Anyone who is nominated and accepts will be required to say a few words to the membership during the April meeting. We will also accept nominations at the April meeting.

Only members in good standing will be allowed to vote at the April meeting in Sheldon. If you have any questions concerning you membership, please contact Frances Karcher at:

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Spring, TX. 77386  
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Respectfully,

*Joe Dives*

Joe Dives IV  
President GCAPT



**Gulf Coast Association  
for Pupil Transportation  
and  
New Caney ISD  
Invite you to our monthly  
chapter meeting**

**March 3, 2015 at 10 AM  
Texan Drive Stadium  
New Caney ISD  
21262 US 59  
New Caney Texas 77357**

**Sponsored by  
Pinnacle Medical Management  
and  
Doggett Freightliner of South Texas  
(Formally Opus Kane)**

**Great opportunity to network with  
other transportation professionals  
and school bus vendors!**