

GULF COAST Association for Pupil Transportation 2015 - 2016 www.GCAPT.org

Date: March 1, 2016

To: Gulf Coast TAPT, Member Addressed

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

Subject: Gulf Coast Chapter TAPT March Meeting ~ March 8, 2016

Pinnacle Medical Management and Doggett Freightliner will co-sponsor the March 2016 meeting of the Gulf Coast APT on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 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, 2016 meeting are included below for your examination and review.

Agenda for March Meeting

Call to Order: *President – Josh Rice*

Invocation: Ernest Nelson, Assistant Director New Caney ISD
Pledge: New Caney elementary School Students

Welcome and Introductions: Josh Rice, Director of Transportation and Fleet Services New Caney ISD
Jim Grant, Executive Director of Operations, New Caney ISD

Minutes of Previous Meeting: *(see below)*

Treasurer’s Report: Balance as of March 1, 2016
\$45,711.66
93 Paid Members 12 Companies

Old Business:

New Business:

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

Program: TBD

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

12 – Chapter Meeting, Sheldon ISD
Sponsor – Woods Alternator

May

10 – Chapter Meeting, Magnolia ISD
Co-Sponsors – Longhorn and Lemons Auctioneers

June

TAPT Conference & Trade Show,
Beaumont, TX

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

For Train the Trainer information, please contact Nicole Latham, TEEX, 979-862-3735. 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

For TEA School Transportation information, please contact Danny Sanchez, TEA, 512-463-9238. 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

Minutes from the January, 2016 Meeting

- Call to Order:** Josh Rice, President - 10:11
Attendance - 116
- Invocation/Pledge:** Invocation - TJ Aldridge, Spring ISD
Presentation of Colors and Pledge - Westfield High School Army JROTC
- Welcome and Introductions:** Kathy Barney, Assistant Director, Spring ISD
Mark Miranda, COO Spring, ISD
- Minutes:** Motion by: Angel Kersten, Clear Creek ISD
Second by: Russell Gerami, Fort Bend ISD
Motion: passed
- Treasurer's Report:** \$11,187.25
Motion by: Larry Smith, Conroe ISD
Second by: Aric Taylor, Conroe ISD
Motion: passed
- Old Business:** none
- New Business:** Josh Rice - Winter Conference in League City at South Shore Harbour February 20-22
NAPT and TAPT classes on Saturday and Sunday Feb 20-21, 2016 with the conference on Monday
February 22, 2016 there are flyers on each table. Also there will be TASBT classes held in Clear
Creek ISD. Registration is on line on the GCAPT web site. At this moment the cost for registration
is \$95.00 after February 1st it goes up to \$125.00 so go to our web site and get your folks registered.
Joe Dives talked about the new venue for the golf tournament at Beacon Lakes Club, there will be
shuttle buses from the hotel to the golf course. At this location there is a complimentary beverage
cart. Sunday night 6:30pm at Main Event is the Meet and Greet and the bowling tournament. Reach
out to neighboring districts and invite them to the conference. Vendor registration is not on line we
have registration forms up here on the table if you are interested. Reminder there is no meeting in
February so the next time we see y'all will not be until March in New Caney. Don't forget that the
Special Needs Focus Group meets every other month at region IV and the next meeting is February
10th.
- Committee Reports:** **TAPT - Laura Villanueva spoke about the Frisco Conference and that registration is open on line on the TAPT website**
TABST - Josh Rice received an email from Bobby Williams regarding the classes in Frisco January 30 and 31st information is on the website. There will be classes in League City at Clear Creek ISD, workshops in Dallas area details to come, as well as details to come on Texas Best Competition. At the summer conference all classes will be available.
NAPT - Marisa Weisinger NAPT did partner with TSTA in response to the NHTSA seat belt survey.
Region IV - Charley Kennington mentioned that on the tables you will find information on upcoming classes. The only thing not on the there is the upcoming Train the Trainer course which will be held in at Spring ISD April 8-11, 2016.
Region VI - no one was in attendance for this organization.
Specifications - Josh Rice mentioned that the 2016 specifications approval should be late March or early April.
Events - Richard Spencer talked about the Bus Rodeo at Spring ISD on April 16, 2016. There will be a short meeting after this meeting if you want to stay and join us.
- Program:** Charley Kennington - Update from NASDPTS
HGAC - Alternative Fuel/Grants
- Program Sponsors:** Southern Tire Mart and American Traffic Solutions, Inc.
- Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by: Aric Taylor, Conroe ISD
Second by: Kayne Smith, Cy-Fair ISD
Meeting adjourned at 11:17
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.

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.

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 and the combined Treasurer/Secretary position during the March meeting in New Caney. If you would like to nominate someone for Vice President and Treasurer/Secretary, 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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Respectfully,

Josh Rice

Josh Rice
President GCAPT



**Gulf Coast Association
for Pupil Transportation**

and

New Caney ISD

**Invite you to our monthly
chapter meeting**

**March 8, 2016 at 10 AM
Texan Drive Stadium
21262 Us Hwy. 59
New Caney, TX, 77357**

**Sponsored by
Pinnacle Medical Management
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Mardi Gras

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

