



# Gulf Coast Association for Pupil Transportation October 14, 2025, Agenda

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President  
President-Elect  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Historian  
Past-President

GCAPT Executive Committee  
Roy Klober  
Daniel O’Neil  
Deborah Carmouche  
Elissa Rice  
Fernando Zambrano  
Lisa Hernandez

Katy ISD  
Klien ISD  
Sheldon ISD  
LaPorte ISD  
Cypress-Fairbank ISD  
Klien CISD

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**Bus Right, Adroit & Internation Rick Safety** will sponsor the October meeting of the Gulf Coast APT will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, hosted by **Cleveland ISD 1901 E. Houston ST. Cleveland, TX 77327**. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. The minutes of the September 2025 meeting are attached to this agenda for your review.

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Call to Order Roy Kloeber

Invocation Roscoe Warrick  
Pledges Roby Campbell  
Welcome TBA

Introductions  
Approval of Minutes Roy Kloeber, GCAPT President  
Treasurer Report Elissa Rice, GCAPT Treasurer

Old Business

**a. Installation of new officers**

Roy Kloeber - President  
Daniel O’Neil – President Elect  
Elissa Rice - Treasurer

b. Regional Rodeo – combine with GCAPT Conference Saturday Regional Rodeo /Saturday night Awards banquets for rodeo contested & scholarship recipients  
Would like to include other awards ex: supervisor of the year awards Region 4/Region 6  
Sunday – Conference held at Berry Center  
(Due to lack of participation & expense – vendors was greater than conference attendees)

c. Membership is open for the 25-26 year. **Don’t forget TAPT and GCAPT Memberships are different.**

**New Business**

**GCAPT – School safety** poster contest  
Conference & Rodeo 2026- Update  
501(c)(3).

**Committee and Agency Reports**

- a. TAPT
  - i. Events/Updates     Joseph Reese, TAPT Area 3 Director
  - ii. Nominating        Patricia Ducote, TAPT Ex-Officio
  - iii. Certification      Marisa Weisinger, TAPT Exec. Sec. / PDC Coordinator
  - iv. Legislative         Dr. Kayne Smith, TAPT Legislative Committee Chair
- b. TASBO
- c. TASBT                     Andres Montes, TASBT President
- d. NAPT                        Keith Kaup, NAPT President-Elect
- e. Region IV                 Jack Mann-Region 4, Director of Business Operations
- f. Region VI                 Diane Wilson, Region 6 Safety/Operations Specialist
- g. GCAPT
  - i. Events/Updates     Roy Kloeber, GCAPT President
  - ii. Membership        Elissa Rice, GCAPT Treasurer
- h. Meeting Presentation - Communications, who to call  
Dr. Tonya Clark, Executive Director of Communication

**Bus Right, Adroit & Internation Risk & Safety - Thank you sponsors for your support!!!**

d. Adjourn

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**Upcoming Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**  
**Lamar CISD**

**To join GCAPT please click here - [MEMBERSHIP](#)**

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**Minutes for the September Meeting**

Call to Order:

**Lisa Hernandez – GCAPT President 24-25**  
**Installation of new officers**  
Roy Kloeber, GCAPT President  
Daniel O’Neil – President Elect  
Elissa Rice – Treasurer

Invocation: Fernando Zambrano – Historian  
Flag Detail/Pledge: **Fred Evans – Katy ISD PD**  
Welcome: **Roy Kloeber**  
**Ted Vierling – Chief Operations Officer, Katy ISD**

Introductions: Attendance **88 ISD Members**                      **32 Vendor Members**  
**Acceptance of January minutes**  
**1<sup>st</sup> – Michelle Summers – Lamar CISD**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – Nisha Mystery – Lamar CISD**

Treasurer’s Report: **Balance as of 08/01/2025 = \$55,875.77**  
**Acceptance of Treasury report**  
**1<sup>st</sup> – David Baxter – Sheldon ISD**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – Charles Johnson – Cy-Fair ISD**

**Old Business:**

No Nominations from the floor for the Executive Committee

**Historian**

Fernando Zambrano - CyFair ISD – 42 votes  
Samantha Pugh – LaPorte ISD – 19 votes  
Lillian Sampson – Sheldon ISD – 17 votes  
Heather Webster – CyFair ISD – 3 votes

**Treasurer**

Elissa Rice – LaPorte ISD – 45 votes  
Jose Delagarza – Katy ISD – 19 votes  
Codi Roberts – CyFair ISD – 16 votes  
Elissa – Klien ISD – 1 vote

**President – Elect**

Daniel O’Neal – Klien ISD – 58 votes  
Dana Rosen – CyFair ISD – 22 votes  
Jeff Snedeker - 1 votes  
Quinn Navarre – Hempstead – 0 votes

Kyle Guttridge – Cleveland ISD & David Baxter – Sheldon ISD - both withdrew their nominations for President - Elect position

- a. GCAPT Scholarships winners **Cole Molina & Jorge Cordero**  
Cole will be attending Texas A & M & Jorge will be attending University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley  
(Both parents are employed with Cypress -Fairbanks ISD Transportation)

**b. Regional Rodeo - Conference 2026 – March 21-22, 2026 (Berry Center)**

Membership is open for the 24-25 year. **Don’t forget TAPT and GCAPT Memberships are different.**

**New Business:**

**Committee/Agency Reports:**

**a. TAPT**

- i. Centex Conference Oct 4 & 5 San Marcus Class posted online, and registration is open  
Room block closes on September 17, 2025

- ii. Trainer Academy Open for Conroe ISD – Oct 18/19 & Oct 25/26 Deadline for registration Oct 10, 2025 @ 5PM (Fills up fast)
- iii. Webinar September 19, 2025 – Jill McCalf – Professional Growth Opportunities (Serious – Identifying knowledge gaps and area to grow professionally including self-assessment)
- iv. Webinar later this year covering Special needs – Dr. Linda Blum
- v. Online PDC November 15 & 16
- vi. In person class December 6 & 7 Waxahachie
- vii. Onn line PDC January 17 & 18
- viii. PDC classes in League City February 21 & 22
- ix. Planning for conference in Woodlands June 2026
- x. PDC committee coming up this Friday in Lagrange if certain classes are need, please email [Kayne@tapt.com](mailto:Kayne@tapt.com) or [Marisa@tapt.com](mailto:Marisa@tapt.com)

## Legislative

### SB 546 Revision – School Bus Seatbelt Requirements

#### Overview:

Senate Bill 546 revises the previous school bus seatbelt law. The new legislation extends the requirement for all school buses to be equipped with **three-point seatbelts** (lap and shoulder belts) by **September 1, 2029**.

The earlier requirement that applied only to buses manufactured after 2018 has been removed. As a result, **all school buses regardless of year must be retrofitted** with three-point seatbelts unless specific exceptions apply.

#### District Financial Requirements

If a school district cannot afford to retrofit its fleet:

- The district **must hold a public board meeting** to discuss the financial impact.
- The **board may vote in a public meeting** to declare that funds are not available for compliance.
- The district must then **submit documentation to TEA** (Texas Education Agency) detailing the estimated cost to equip its fleet.
- TEA will collect this data statewide and **report findings to the Governor and the Speaker of the House** before the start of the **91st Legislative Session**.
- During that session, the Legislature will determine if **funding assistance** will be provided to districts that need financial support to retrofit all buses.

If a district determines that it **does have the funds**, then **all buses in its fleet must be retrofitted by September 1, 2029**.

#### Warranty and Safety Exceptions

- If retrofitting a bus with seatbelts would **void the manufacturer’s warranty**, the district **is not required** to install the seatbelts on that bus.
- However, this exemption must be **formally reported to TEA**.

#### Clarification:

- A bus that no longer has a warranty (e.g., a 2010 model) is **not automatically exempt** just because the warranty has expired.
- The law specifically refers to situations where **installing the seatbelts would “void” an existing warranty**.
- (According to Dr. Smith’s professional guidance: if a unit can no longer meet the manufacturer’s certification standards after being retrofitted, the district should inform the board and **recommend that**

**the bus be removed from service.** While the warranty is not voided since it no longer exists the unit may not meet manufacturer safety specifications.)

#### **Manufacturer Input and Data Collection**

- Manufacturers are currently working with state officials to determine **which bus models and production years are suitable for retrofit.**
- Preliminary feedback indicates that **data on Blue Bird buses** is being collected but remains **inconclusive.**
- More detailed information is expected to be available later.

#### **Key Point**

The **seatbelt law itself has not changed** in principle the update extends the compliance timeline and clarifies the financial reporting, warranty exceptions, and responsibilities of both districts and TEA.

#### **b. TASBO –**

**c. TASBT –** classes will be held in San Marcus Oct 4 & 5 2601 Rattler Rd (@ the high school) room block is set up at Comfort Inn, they close on September 21, 2025. (Four classes on both Saturday & Sunday.

**d. NAPT –** Congratulation to **Michelle Summer** – the recipient of continued education award for the NAPT 2025.

#### **e. Region IV –**

**I.** Experience drivers are not carrying their certification card with them. DPS -requires drivers to have the original card in their possession when carrying student on the bus in the state of Texas. Drivers are reporting to class without the card.

Apologies for the on-line class. Region 4 is undergoing some major technology changes which has affected the on-line class.

Leadership network Oct 23,

#### **f. Region VI –**

**I.** Free conference training – IRS (International Risk safety) School bus training SB101 – Zoom Meetings registration on -line. School bus safety conference September 20, 2025, location Huntsville – free (open to all statewide) Speaker, key notes. Region 6 Directors, supervisor, re-certification in Oct Welcome aboard Mr. Robert Bellah Safety Education & Training specialist

#### **g. TASB --**

**h. GCAPT – Rodeo up-date –** March 21, 2025 @ Berry Center. **BOLD & BIG.** Celebrate the driver's, increase participation & engage the community. **Encourage to start preparation early.**

**i.** Presentation – **Communications, who to call**

**Presenters –** Dr. Tonya Clark – Executive Director of Communication

**Adjourn:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Jose Delagarza – Katy ISD  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Carol Moore – CyFair ISD

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For School Bus Driver TRAINER ACADEMY - Contact Marisa Weisinger [Marisa@tapt.com](mailto:Marisa@tapt.com). Also see Course Schedule under the Education TAB

For State Rodeo Information and Guidelines - [tapt.com](http://tapt.com) select EVENTS tab.

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

For TEA School Transportation information, please contact Oscar Ayala, TEA, 512-463-4834. [schtrans@tea.texas.gov](mailto:schtrans@tea.texas.gov)

For TASB safety information, please contact Janina Flores, TASB Risk Management, 800-482-7276 x-2833. [janina.flores@tasb.org](mailto:janina.flores@tasb.org)

For PDC Class Schedule - [tapt.com](http://tapt.com) Education TAB  
Professional Development and Certification Handbook - Education TAB

TASBT Technician Information - [tasbt.org](http://tasbt.org)