

2025  
TENNESSEE  
ASSOCIATION  
OF PUPIL  
TRANSPORTATION



Welcome to the  
44<sup>th</sup> Annual TAPT  
Conference and Trade Show.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Music Road Resort  
Pigeon Forge, TN



Monday, June 2, 2025  
1<sup>st</sup> General Session

## **Opening**

9:00-9:20 AM

Elizabeth Kong, 2025 TAPT President

Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools

Invocation – Mr. Don Funderburk

Pledge of Allegiance – Honoring of Veterans

## **Welcome**

9:20-9:45 AM

Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder, Director of Schools

Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools

9:45-10:45 AM

***“Nashville Covenant School Shooting”***

Officer Mike Collazo, Metro PD

10:45-11:15 AM

***“The impact of Social Media on School Transportation”***

Jesse Castillo, Webmaster, Robertson County Schools

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## **Luncheon**

11:15 AM -12:45 PM

Sponsored By: Cumberland International, Ashley Scurlock



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**Monday, June 2, 2025**

# 1<sup>st</sup> General Session

1:00-2:00PM

***“Building a Bright Future: Strengthening Retention through Leadership and Innovation”***

Derrick Archibald, Clarksville-Montgomery Co. Schools  
Student Transportation Safety & Discipline Coordinator

2:15-3:15 pm

***“The Evolving Role of the Yellow School Bus: Bridging Gaps to Educational Access and Success”***

Kenny Hardaway, Director of Transportation  
Wilson County Schools  
Brian Rome, Director of Transportation  
Murfreesboro City Schools

3:15-3:30 PM

President’s Comments/Election

Election Committee:                      Brett Coffey, Grainger County Schools  
   Jeffrey Martin, Warren County Schools  
   Ray Robinson, Warren County Schools

# Tuesday, June 3, 2025

## 2<sup>nd</sup> General Session

### 2025 TAPT Trade Show

# 9:00-11:30 AM

## TAPT Welcomes our 2025 TAPT Industry Partners to Tennessee

Our trade show presents a wealth of learning opportunities by bringing together the biggest names and brightest minds in the pupil transportation industry. Our attendees have a genuine interest in the products and services on display. Registered TAPT General Members are invited to visit with representatives of over 60 suppliers of school transportation products and services.

### Please Note:

- TAPT Conference Registered Adults ONLY
  - Nametags Required for Trade Show Entry
  - Children ARE NOT permitted in the Trade Show Area
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## Luncheon

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Sponsored By: Central States Bus Sales  
Chuck Harvill, Paula Rieger & Ryan Blake



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# Tuesday, June 3, 2025

## 2<sup>nd</sup> General Session

1:30-2:45 PM

### ***"How to Stay Compliant"***

Tracy Richardson, Transportation Director  
Sumner County Schools

2:45-3:15 PM

Election Results, Old Business and New Business

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**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

## **President's Award Dinner**

Student Scholarships

TN School Bus Driver Hall of Fame Ceremony

Distinguished Service Award



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# Wednesday, June 3, 2025

## 3<sup>rd</sup> General Session

### **Passing of the Gavel**

8:00-8:15 AM

TAPT 2025 President, Elizabeth Kong, CMSS

TAPT 2026 President Elect, Josh Hinerman, RCS

8:15-8:45 AM NCST

Updates

8:45-9:15AM

TN Department of Safety

TN Department of Education

9:15-10:00AM

*"Accident Investigation Procedures"* Jena

Eubanks THP Inspector

## **Closing**

10:00-10:15AM

### **Next 2025 TAPT Event - TSBTA Workshop June 12-13, 2025**

The 2-day TSBTA technical training course at Paris Landing State Park will cover maintenance related topics that enables technicians to further their ability & interact with other school bus technicians. The program will include guest training from Blue Bird Bus, International Bus, Thomas Bus & Cummins Engine. Questions? Contact - Tim Maynard, Dewayne Ferrell or Ricky Phillips

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