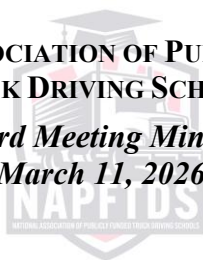


NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLICLY FUNDED
TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2026



The following members were in attendance:

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| 1. Buechel, Bill | 6. Garsee, Martin | 11. Tulk, Donnie |
| 2. Clarks-Pritchard, Douglass | 7. Latigo, Lorie | 12. Vincent, Lesley |
| 3. Diaz, Tony | 8. Quackenbush, Deborah | 13. Zdrojewski, Dan |
| 4. Fontes, Mary | 9. Schultz, Jill | |
| 5. Frindt, Tina | 10. Thorpe, John | |

The following members were not in attendance:

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| 1. Atwood, Cindy | 4. Cervantes, Lynette | 7. Nikole Willing |
| 2. Behnke, Rob | 5. Inman, David | |
| 3. Blair, Missy | 6. Turner, Celeste | |

Guest: Laura Kingsland

CALLED TO ORDER: By Donnie Tulk at 9:30 a.m., C.S.T.

Approval of Minutes, February 11, 2026. Review of minutes.

MOTION: To approve February 11, 2026 minutes by Dan Zdrojewski; 2nd by Mary Fontese. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report. Bill Buechel shared that the finance committee is working on best practices and working on the budget with Tina Frindt. The Board needs to discuss the February report to approve it and will delay the vote until the April 8 meeting. Tina Frindt shared that the variance of income for dues and partners is the time of year they were received. For this year, the variance will be most likely be seen again. The attendees for Conference Registration invoices that are due have been notified. All membership dues invoice that are unpaid have been sent a reminder and received a phone call. Crissie Moffet compares the lodging listing to the registration list. Bill Buechel asked if the headcount is down from last year. No, registration level is above last year.

Membership. Dan Zdrojewski shared that Bishop States does qualify to be full members. They are the first Alabama school to be a member. Thanks to Lesley Vincent. Tina Frindt sent a letter in the mail to the Alabama Community College System and invited them to regionals as well as annual conference. If there is no email address it is mailed. There is now a new procedure for new members. Once approved, Tina Frindt calls the school and invoices them, then Crissie Moffet does the website, id and certificate after their dues are paid.

Institution Name: Bishop State Community College

Mailing/Physical Address: 4551 Halls Mill Road, Mobile, AL 356693

Contact Person: Bradley Wallace

Contact Phone: 251-660-1733

Contact Email: bwallace@bishop.edu

Website Address: <https://www.bishop.edu>

Prog/Schl Certified by: State Certification So. Assoc. of Colleges & Schools Com on Colleges (SACSCOC). Also a 3rd Party Examiner for CDL Testing AL Law Enforce Agency (ALEA)

Funding Source: State

Explain: Member of AL Trk Dr Trng Consortium. Bill passed for special funding by the Alabama legislators for the soul prepose of training truck drivers per the FMCSA curriculum for truck driver training. Bill was passed in 1992. Six State colleges in Alabama are also members of this consortium.

Prog #1 Type: Class-A

Date Program established: 1/5/88

Hours spent per class: Rd: 36; Rge:79; Clsrm:80; Observ: 80; Sim:5

Class Offerings/yr: Day: 5; Night: 0; Wknd: 5; Contract: 0. Other: We do Workforce development programs with industry teaching employees CDL programs to up skill their employees. We also do Passenger, School Bus and Hazmat programs

Avg Grad Stdts /yr: 265

Prog #2 Type: Class B

Date Program Established: 1/5/88

Hours/class: Rd: 36; Rge: 79; Clsrm: 80; Observ: 80; Sim: 5;

Class Offerings/yr: Day: 5; Night: 0; Wknd: 5; contrct: 5; Other: We do Workforce development programs with industry teaching employees CDL programs to up skill their employees. We also do Passenger, School Bus and Hazmat programs

Avg Grad Stdts/yr: 150

Progr #3 Class-A online We also partner with (ACCS) Alabama Community College System and The Alabama Innovation Center Skills for Success programs teaching all CDL programs.

This CDL Class A training course is offered online, using a self-paced, and interactive learning approach. Upon completing the online part, students may then participate in the hands-on portion of the course at any of the 24 Community Colleges around the state.

Launch a much-needed, skilled truck driving career that prepares you to take and pass the federal CDL test. Practice safely maintaining and maneuvering trucks into traffic, loading or unloading positions, and in and out of parking spaces. Apply the necessary protocol to transport various types of goods and materials, whether regionally or nationally. Demonstrate how to operate important equipment, including truck cab computers, CB radios, and tools for basic maintenance conditions. Upon successful completion of both online and hands-on portions of the course, a participant will receive an ACCS credential.

Date Program Established: 8/8/24

Hours/class: rd: 21; Rg: 30; Clsrm: 20; Observ: 46; Sim: 5;

Class offerings/yr: Day: 12; Night: 5; Wknd: 5; Contract: 5;

Avg # stdts Grad/yr: 150

MOTION: To accept Bishop State Com College, Mobile, AL membership by Dan Zdrojewski; 2nd by Lesley Vincent. **Motion Carried**

Name of Organization: CerteDrive

Mailing/Physical address: 1140 Monroe Ave NW Ste 5000 / 99
Monroe Ave NW Ste 700 Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Contact: Tim Smolenski; Telephone 616-915-7935
Email Address: tim@certedrive.com / Website:
www.certedrive.com
Assoc Member: Silver

- 1) State the name of your company’s relationship to the Truck Driving Industry: CerteDrive helps truck driving schools and motor carriers manage DOT physicals, drug screens (DOT & Non-DOT), breath alcohol tests and other occupational health

- and compliance oriented services. CerteDrive provides clients access to a portal and nationwide clinic network to authorize services, track and receive results
- 2) Explain why your company feels it should be a member of NAPFTDS: CerteDrive can help NAPFTDS members save time and money by leveraging our application, clinic network and negotiated rates. CerteDrive actively provides services for many of the largest truck driving schools in the country, including but not limited to 160 Driving Academy, Roadmaster Drivers School, MTC, Georgia Driving Academy and Tennessee Truck Driving School. We would love the opportunity to introduce your members to CerteDrive.

MOTION: Approved by email ballot – CerteDrive, Grand Rapids, MI Associate membership by Dan Zdrojewski; 2nd by Donnie Tulk.
Motion Carried

Name of Institution: James Rumsey Technical Institute

Mailing/Physical Address: 3274 Hedgesville Rd, Martinsburg, WV 25403-0259
Contact Person: Ken Dombroski Contact Phone: 304-754-7925
Contact Email: kdombroski@k12.wv.us; Website:
www.jamesrumsey.com
Administrator: Dr. Carissa Tress; Admin Phone: 304-754-7925
Prog/Schl certified by: Council on Occupational Educa. (COE)

Funding Source: State
Program #1: Class A (Class A; Class B; Bus)
Date program Established 2/24/1976
Hours spent per class; Rd: 120; Range: 140; Clsrm: 40; Observ: 300; Sim: 20
Class offerings per year: Day: 4; Night: 4; Wkend: 25; Contr: 15
Avg Nbr of Stdt Grad/yr: 100

MOTION: Approved by email ballot – James Rumsey Technical Institute, Martinsburg, WV Full membership by Dan Zdrojewski; 2nd by Donnie Tulk. **Motion Carried**

President’s Report. Donnie Tulk shared that there will be a short meeting on April 8 to review the Bylaws before the meeting at annual conference. Revised bylaws will be sent out 10 days prior to the meeting as required by the bylaws.

Executive Director Report. Martin Garsee shared that the finalized bylaws draft will be distributed to the Board for review prior to the April 8 meeting. Martin Garsee shared that Derek Barr asked that NAPFTDS join the ‘Road Safety’ partnership and will confirm official acceptance and participation details after sending in the partnership information to join. Martin Garsee reported on FMCSA interactions, including new quarterly task force meetings, continued random audits, plans for a smaller trained ELDT audit team and agency interest in partnering on a road safety initiative; the group also discussed an advocacy group that is against third-party testing while noting states’ are the testing authority and have capacity constraints. There is a movement happening to push hard against 3rd party testing. If you hear anything about it, please let me know as 3rd party testing is vital in Texas. Dan Zdrojewski commented that Wisconsin is doing a study to increase the cost of 3rd party testing. Bill Buechel asked if we thought they would do away with 3rd party testing. Martin Garsee shared that in Texas it is a part of our tuition. Oklahoma and Iowa does not charge.

Jim Ward is retiring from TCA and he has been encouraged to stay active with the Association. Martin Garsee recommended making Mr. Ward an Honorary Member of the Association.

MOTION: Recommended making Jim Ward an honorary member by Dan Zdrojewski; 2nd by Jill Schultz. **Motion Carried.**

Committee Reports. 1) Carrier: Mary Fontes shared that there is not much going on right now. A committee meeting is following our board meeting. 2) Conference/Nomination: Martin Garsee shared that FMCSA Chief Council, Rebecca Pettit, will be speaking at annual conference and is very familiar with enforcement. Everything is ready to go on the conference. A contract has been received for the 2027 annual conference for the Embassy Suites at Gulf Shores, AL, April 2027. A few questions have yet to be finalized. Martin Garsee noted that the Utah annual conference has offered a sponsorship from the Greater Zion Chamber of Commerce for the breakfast on April 13, not to exceed \$6999 including service charge and is not charged tax. 3) Education: John Thorpe shared that the committee is preparing for the conference workshop. And are doing an audit panel as well. 4) Marketing/Social Media: Bill Buechel is sending the Board a PowerPoint. There have been 28,000 impressions over 3 weeks, posted on Linked In and noted that Derek Barr is following our media. Will do another ad this morning for the conference. 5) Regionals: Donnie Tulk shared that committee is looking for Regional hosts for region 4 and 6. 6) Regulatory: Jill Schultz shared the following report:

FMCSA seeks drivers for HOS pilot tests

The FMCSA is recruiting 18 drivers to test two upcoming hours-of-service pilot programs. The agency needs 9 drivers who currently use split sleeper-berth options (8/2 or 7/3) to try new splits (6/4 and 5/5), and 9 drivers who often work up to the 14-hour limit to test options that pause the duty clock for 30 minutes to 3 hours.

California DMV revokes non-domiciled CDLs

As of March 6, 2026, 17,000 California drivers will have their non-domiciled CDLs revoked. This cancellation includes the driver’s noncommercial driver’s license

MOTION to Adjourn by Bill Buechel, 2nd by Lesley Vincent. ***Motion Carried.***

REMINDER! NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 8, 2026, 9:30 a.m., C.S.T.