NCPTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2026 | 10:01 a.m.–11:50 a.m. | Draft for Approval

Johnston County Public Schools Facilities Building
601 W. Market Street, Smithfield, North Carolina

Call to order and approval of minutes

President Lloyd Willis called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and thanked Johnston County Public Schools for hosting. Dr. Matt Tedder conducted district roll call and presented a summary of the July 14, 2026, Executive Board meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve those minutes; the motion carried.

Vendor recognition and presentations

Representatives of Carolina Thomas, Blue Bird, White's IC, Edulog, and Spheros were recognized and shared updates on vehicles, services, and training opportunities. Fortress Mobile presented its remote video and fleet-monitoring capabilities and was recognized as the lunch sponsor.

Membership and association business

- Membership: Marge reported 921 members and plans to distribute county rosters to district treasurers. Members were asked to update officer and roster information. State membership dues were reported as $20 per person. Written dues-payment instructions would accompany the rosters; districts and counties were asked to coordinate payments through their district treasurers.
- Payment records: Counties were asked to verify NCPTA vendor and remittance information in their purchasing systems to prevent misdirected payments. Updated W-9 forms were available upon request.
- State Fair and Roadeo: The committees requested volunteers, discussed barriers to State Fair participation, and encouraged local and district roadeos leading to the state event. Work schedules and parking were identified as participation concerns.
- Legislative priorities: Alex Chandler requested topics and concerns for NCASA to communicate to state legislators.
- Awards: Britton and Cynthia reported work on additional awards to recognize a broader range of transportation employees. Award names, criteria, and forms remained under development and would be shared when finalized.

Treasurer's report

Daisy presented account balances and activity through September, reporting a combined balance of $231,202.47. The report described a surplus from the 2025 Wilmington conference and a loss of $3,432.84 from the 2026 Asheville conference. Outstanding conference commitments were still being finalized. The treasurer's report was accepted.

DMV update

Scott Tadlock was introduced as DMV's school bus manager. He emphasized staff development, communication, and stronger partnerships with NCPTA and other agencies to support qualified drivers, safe operations, and compliance.

2027 Transposium planning

Cynthia reported that planning remained on schedule for June 14–17, 2027, in Wilmington, with the trade show on June 16. Updates included:

- Vendor Engagement: The early trade show session would return under the name “Vendor Engagement,” with two designated representatives per LEA. Representatives do not have to be transportation directors. Registration and admission would be monitored.
- Facilities and access: Buses could be displayed inside the vendor hall for a fee. Bus parking was planned in Cape Fear Community College’s student lot 2. Attendees must wear their name badge and pouch whenever entering the convention building; security would be present during operating hours.
- Hotels and meals: Primary hotel blocks were reported full, with overflow options and trolley service discussed. Members were encouraged to use the trolley and cancel unused reservations. Included meals were Monday dinner, Tuesday lunch, Wednesday lunch, and Thursday lunch and dinner. Guest evening-meal participation required the appropriate guest credentials.
- Programming and registration: New classes were being developed. The NCPTA app would be used for class check-ins, and members were asked to register with their own email addresses and use the same address for app access.
- Vendors and communications: Vendor packets were expected in mid-November and would include sponsorship opportunities and a code of conduct addressing non-competing events. A conference gift sponsorship and possible changes to trade show setup services were discussed. Members were reminded to use the website and email list and update emergency contacts.

Old and new business

No old business was brought forward. Under new business, members discussed changing the district titles “Director 1” and “Director 2” to “Representative 1” and “Representative 2.” Derek Graham suggested “Council Member 1” and “Council Member 2.” No vote was taken; the proposed title change was left for consideration at the June conference.

Members discussed technician shortages, compensation, and recruitment through career and technical education, community college partnerships, and internships. No formal action was recorded.

DPI update

Kevin Harrison provided the following updates and reminders:

- Reporting: Complete overdue TD reports promptly. Ridership-count timing and a possible change to the TD-1 deadline were discussed; no statewide reporting-date change was announced.
- Fuel and purchasing: DPI planned to seek approximately $40 million in additional fuel-reserve funding in November. Members were advised to document and report state-contract vendor performance concerns through the appropriate channels.
- Fleet procurement: Updates covered bus deliveries and financing, buy-in paperwork, Type A bus specifications, service-truck replacement review, and planned camera-allotment information. Districts should monitor forthcoming instructions and complete required paperwork.
- Guidance and access: Fleet manual revisions remained in development. Directors were asked to participate in post-inspection conferences. Transportation website content was transitioning to the DPI website to improve accessibility; members should use updated forms and contact information.

Adjournment

President Willis adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by Dr. Matt Tedder, NCPTA Secretary
Approval pending