Commission News

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Message from The Chair: Patrick Hyde

The annual PSYPACT Commission meeting is scheduled for November 16th through the 17th in Nashville, Tennessee. This will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. PSYPACT Commission staff have already sent travel details to all Commissioners for this meeting, so if you have not received anything and want to attend in-person please reach out to staff. We anticipate there will be numerous important issues and updates to cover at this meeting, such as a demonstration of PSYPACT's new application, renewal, and customer relationship management system. I hope to see everyone there.

Patrick Hyde
Chair, PSYPACT Commission

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Board	10/06/2026
Annual Commission Meeting	11/16/2026-11/17/2026
Training and Public Relations	11/30/2026
Finance	12/01/2026
Requirements Review	12/04/2026

Executive Director Update: Janet Orwig

Welcome to fall, where autumn leaves and pumpkin spice make everything nice!
PSYPACT has had an exceptionally busy and productive third quarter. Most notably, we are thrilled to officially welcome Alaska as an active PSYPACT Member Jurisdiction. We have also seen strong engagement with PSY, our AI Knowledge Assistant, which has logged over 500 conversations to support educational outreach this quarter alone.
Across the board, our committees and staff have been working diligently to advance the initiatives outlined in our Strategic Plan. We look forward to sharing a comprehensive update on our strategic progress at the upcoming Annual Meeting.
As always, our staff is here to support you. Please feel free to share any feedback or suggestions on how we can better serve you in your role as Commissioner.
Thank you for your steadfast commitment to PSYPACT!

Janet P. Orwig, MBA, CAE
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Committee Updates:

Finance:

Heidi Paakkonen, Daniel Hurley, Richard Nobles

The Finance Committee convened via teleconference on August 11 and September 8, 2026. During the August meeting, the Committee reviewed the second-quarter financial statements, examined bank reconciliations, reviewed the 2025 audit, and discussed the 2027 budget.

During the September meeting, the Committee continued its review of the 2027 budget, discussed suggested revisions to Policy 1.19, and recommended advancing Policies 1.33 and 1.34 with revisions and Policy 1.35 as presented.

Rules:

Patrick Hyde, Don Meck, Kaye Sly, Gary Lenkeit, Daniel Schroeder

The Rules Committee met via teleconference on August 20, 2026. During the meeting, the Committee advanced draft bylaws to the Executive Board and discussed the development of comprehensive telepsychology resources. Revisions to Policy 1.10 were approved for further review.

Requirements Review

Gary Lenkeit, Kathleen Ward, Peter Oppenheimer

The Requirements Review Committee met via teleconference on September 18, 2026. The committee reviewed several policy and application matters, including annual meeting scheduling conflicts, revisions to application conduct questions, educational attestation requirements, and updates to the inactive status policy. The committee also reconsidered a request from the Illinois commissioner, recommending that it be forwarded to the full Commission for review with no recommendations, and approved moving two applicants forward after completing a conduct review.

Training and Public Relations:

Lori Rall, Heidi Paakkonen, Mariann Burnetti-Atwell

The Training and Public Relations Committee met via teleconference on September 9, 2026. During the meeting, the committee approved four short-term marketing goals, recommended clarifying APIT and TAP definitions to reduce user confusion, and identified state website standardization as a long-term initiative. Members also affirmed the continued use of legal names on digital badges while supporting future enhancements that will allow authorization holders to use preferred professional names, discussed potential newsletter and webinar initiatives to provide reliable educational resources, and reviewed updates on PSYPACT's AI knowledge assistant, including usage trends and future reporting.

Legislation Updates:

PSYPACT currently has 46 enacted states and 44 effective participating states and jurisdictions. Alaska became effective on September 20, 2026. Iowa and Louisiana have enacted PSYPACT legislation; however, their legislation is not yet effective. Massachusetts and New York currently have active PSYPACT legislation under consideration.

PSYPACT Commissioners

Lori Rall
Alabama

Bradley McConnell
Alaska

Heidi Paakkonen
Arizona

Jon Priest
Arkansas

Reina Sbarbaro-Gordon
Colorado

Lori DePalma
Connecticut

Shauna Slaughter
Delaware

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Florida

Don Meck
Georgia

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Karine Hray
Ohio

Kathleen Ward
Oklahoma

David Zehrung
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Peter Oppenheimer
Rhode Island

Andrea Eaton
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Rosalie Ball
South Dakota

Mark Fleming
Tennessee

Patrick Hyde
Texas

Brian Pederson
Utah

Angela Auer
Vermont

Sonal Pancholi Doran
Virginia

Phillip Hawley
Washington

Scott Fields
West Virginia

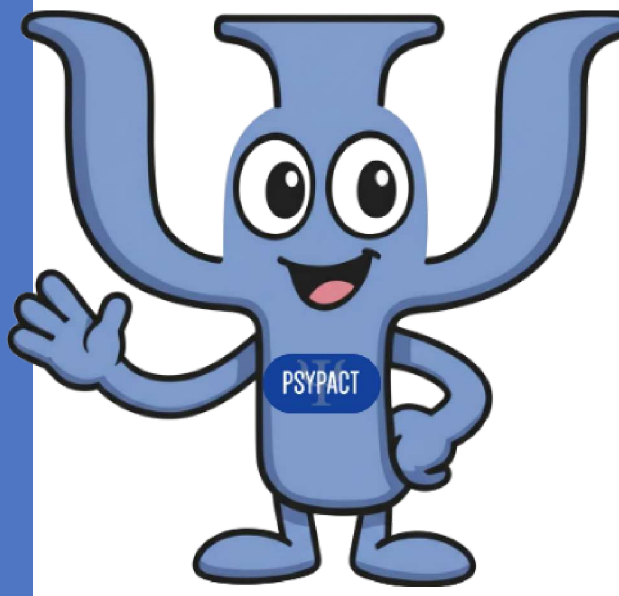
Daniel Schroeder
Wisconsin

JoAnn Reid
Wyoming

Mariann Burnetti-Atwell
ASPPB

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Meet PSY



PSY is a closed-system, AI assistant trained by PSYPACT using resources from the PSYPACT website.

Executive Board Members

Chair - Patrick Hyde
Vice Chair - Lori Rall
Treasurer - Heidi Paakkonen
Member at Large - Pam Groose
Member-At-Large - Peter Oppenheimer
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PSYPACT by the Numbers

TELEPSYCHOLOGY

17,407

Active PSYPACT APITs

TEMPORARY PRACTICE

1,060

Active PSYPACT TAPs

STATE LEVEL BREAKDOWN

State	APITs	TAPs	State	APITs	TAPs
Alabama	111	12	Nebraska	86	6
Alaska	1		Nevada	147	17
Arizona	404	40	New Hampshire	160	9
Arkansas	58	10	New Jersey	1,174	38
Colorado	815	46	North Carolina	742	47
Connecticut	505	39	North Dakota	49	0
Delaware	141	6	NMI	1	0
District of Columbia	349	22	Ohio	597	30
Florida	1,393	86	Oklahoma	73	10
Georgia	608	48	Pennsylvania	1476	62
Idaho	55	7	Rhode Island	171	8
Illinois	1,396	56	South Carolina	128	10
Indiana	198	13	South Dakota	19	0
Kansas	147	10	Tennessee	310	35
Kentucky	168	13	Texas	1,215	95
Maine	120	8	Utah	249	28
Maryland	1,113	51	Vermont	67	4
Michigan	379	14	Virginia	977	65
Minnesota	461	17	Washington	588	40
Mississippi	54	5	West Virginia	63	4
Missouri	335	32	Wisconsin	243	9
Montana	47	4	Wyoming	16	3

Active Authorizations as of 10/02/2026

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