



Commission News

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Message from The Chair: Patrick Hyde

Fellow Commissioners, please mark your calendars for the mid-year PSYPACT Commission meeting on July 13th at 11:00 am Eastern. This will be a virtual meeting held on Zoom. There will be several important issues for discussion at this meeting. Specifically, the Commission has received comments on the proposed changes to Rule 10.2, which pertains to the annual assessments of Compact States, and this proposed rule change will be considered at the mid-year meeting. Additionally, the annual PSYPACT Commission meeting has been scheduled for November 16th through the 17th in Nashville, Tennessee. This will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. Please be on the lookout for future travel details from PSYPACT Commission staff for this meeting. I hope to see everyone there.

Patrick Hyde
Chair, PSYPACT Commission

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Executive Director Update: Janet Orwig

Welcome to Spring, the season of pollen! If you are like us here in Georgia, you are looking through a yellow fog. But with the pollen comes new growth. And at PSYPACT, we continue to implement strategic plan initiatives to keep growing.

Here are just a few highlights from the first quarter:

- The PSYPACT Spotlight Directory continues to grow. We have 97% of authorization holders having their directory visible. In the first quarter, we saw almost 5,000 searches, with the top searches focused on finding authorization holders that specialize in family therapy, couples therapy, and anxiety disorders.
- We have currently issued over 19,000 Authorization to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (APITs) and over 1,200 Temporary Authorization to Practice (TAPs).
- Interest in PSYPACT continues to grow. During the first quarter, we held four presentations, set up an information booth at the APA Practice & State Leadership Conference (PSLC), and provided testimony to the New Mexico House Judiciary Committee, the Alaska House Labor and Commerce Committee, and the Louisiana Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.
- PSY went live on March 17, 2026. PSY is a closed-system AI assistant. In the first week, we had 72 users with a total of 91 conversations.

Thank you to all who have graciously volunteered to serve on PSYPACT committees. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee, please email me at janet.orwig@psypact.gov. As always, thank you for all you do for PSYPACT.

Janet P. Orwig, MBA, CAE
PSYPACT Executive Director

Upcoming Meetings

Bylaws, Rules, and Policies Review- Workgroup	4/20/2026	Requirements Review Committee	05/22/2026
Finance Committee	04/21/2026	Commission Mid-Year Meeting	07/13/2026
Training and Public Relations	04/22/2026	Annual Commission Meeting	11/16 - 17, 2026

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Legislation Updates:

PSYPACT currently has 43 enacted and effective participating states and jurisdictions. At this time, Alaska, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, and New York have active legislation.

Committee Updates:

Bylaws, Rules and Policies Workgroup:

Richard Nobles, Karine Hray, Kate Nooner, JoAnn Reid, David Zehrung

The Bylaws, Rules and Policies Workgroup met via Zoom on January 21, 2026. During this meeting standardized language was discussed. Next steps were outlined, including establishing procedures for consistency.

Finance:

Heidi Paakkonen, Daniel Hurley, Richard Nobles

The Finance Committee convened via Zoom on February 21, 2026 and March 17, 2026. During these meetings, the committee reviewed fourth-quarter financials and year-end financial statements, bank reconciliations, and discussed future investment opportunities. The committee also met with representatives from Integrated Financial Strategies, LLC, who presented investment options for PSYPACT.

Requirements Review

Gary Lenkeit, Kathleen Ward, Peter Oppenheimer,

The Requirements Review Committee meet via Zoom on February 20, 2026. The Committee reviewed PSYPACT policy and recommended additions to Policy 2.3 in reference to requesting primary source verified documents. The Committee also reviewed six APIT/TAP applicant files and made appropriate recommendations.

Rules Committee

Patrick Hyde, Don Meck, Lorraine Smith, Pam Groose, Gary Lenkeit

The Rules Committee met via Zoom on February 27, 2026. The committee reviewed public comments on Rule 10 regarding state assessment fees. Revisions to Policy 1.1 on record retention, Policy 2.8 explaining Rules 4.3 and 5.3, and new policies on data privacy (1.28) and AI (1.29) were approved for further review.

Training and Public Relations:

Lori Rall, Heidi Paakkonen, Mariann Burnetti-Atwell

The Training and Public Relations Committee met via Zoom on February 26, 2026. The committee reviewed and submitted edits for the 2025 Annual Report and received an update on marketing efforts.

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

16,346

Active
PSYPACT APITs

TEMPORARY PRACTICE

748

Active
PSYPACT TAPs

STATE LEVEL BREAKDOWN

State	APITs	TAPs	State	APITs	TAPs
Alabama	103	9	Nevada	135	9
Arizona	379	27	New Hampshire	151	6
Arkansas	49	11	New Jersey	1092	28
Colorado	759	33	North Carolina	694	38
Connecticut	460	30	North Dakota	46	0
Delaware	135	4	NMI	1	0
District of Columbia	339	20	Ohio	565	16
Florida	1267	50	Oklahoma	67	6
Georgia	578	36	Pennsylvania	1400	45
Idaho	47	6	Rhode Island	170	7
Illinois	1320	50	South Carolina	116	6
Indiana	189	12	South Dakota	21	0
Kansas	135	10	Tennessee	301	29
Kentucky	151	7	Texas	1137	58
Maine	113	16	Utah	240	15
Maryland	1075	30	Vermont	65	2
Michigan	345	10	Virginia	938	49
Minnesota	415	9	Washington	536	24
Mississippi	49	3	West Virginia	63	5
Missouri	322	17	Wisconsin	231	11
Montana	28	3	Wyoming	17	1
Nebraska	73	4			

Active Authorizations as of 04/01/2026