



Alaska Association for
BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

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Full Member Meeting Alaska Association for Behavior Analysis (AKABA)

10/24/2025 Meeting Agenda

Meeting Called to order at 11:35 AM

Board Members: Phil Tafs- President Elect, Emily Ice-President, Rachel White-Past President, Chloe Hathcoat-Secretary Treasurer, Anne Paley-Board Member, Kristin Riall- Board Member, Jaime Sage- Board Member

Quorum present (4 board members)? Phil Tafs, Kristin Riall (Proxy for Rachel), Anne Paley, Jaime Sage, Chloe Hathcoat

Absent: Emily Ice, Rachel White

Attendees: Bethany Schneck, Amy Legan, MacKenzie Rice, Julie Lougee, Alison Lovelace,

[Previous Meeting Minutes](#)

Link to Recorded Session - added after session

Agenda:

- **Review of [July 2025](#) minutes: Approved**
- **Member Announcements & Good News**
 - Tricare paying for ACD providers
 - Amy Legan taking over Tricare West for CASP
 - UAA ABA program is moving forward with accreditation
 - Masters program accepting new students in January
 - Emergent is a new clinic in Anchorage
 - They are partnering with ASD & UAA
- **Ongoing Issue(s) Follow-Up:**
 - **Conference & CE Events**
 - The AKABA Conference Committee will meet regularly to discuss and plan continuing education opportunities, especially the annual conference. Committee members will be involved in helping to plan all aspects of the event, including location, food, and registration. The committee will meet year round, but more frequently as conference dates approach.
 - Friday May 8th - Workshop
 - Saturday May 9th - Conference Speakers
 - Bethany S. asked about using the AKABA email regarding the conference.



- Approved to allow Bethany to use the email function via AKABA & Gmail
- Sponsorship letters are going out for AKABA 2026 Conference
- AKABA Budget for AKABA Conference
- Mental Health Trust Fund is complete
- GCI - Due Nov. 1st
 - W-9 Needed
 - Demographic Information Needed
- Next Meeting AKABA Conference Planning Meeting
 - Tuesday, November 4 · 7:00 – 8:00pm
 - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ekb-zzqf-zbu>
 - Or dial: (US) +1 989-488-6453 PIN: 788 065 640#
- **Public Policy Committee**
 - The AKABA Public Policy Committee works under the direction of the AKABA Executive Board. Pub Pol facilitates actions with key Alaska state decision-makers including the state legislature and other governmental bodies, as well as other practitioner and parenting advocacy organizations to recommend policy, legislative, and regulatory solutions. Pub Pol also collaborates with other AKABA Committees to assist with training on issues relevant to our membership (e.g., billing codes and issues, legal issues).
 - -Emily & committee meeting monthly, AKABA 501C3 and educating people on happenings and things BCBAs should know. State project for proposals for draft forms for public comments- what things should be included to that. Inflation adjustment discussions and moving forward for schools to allow medical professionals to provide services when needed.
 - We asked for an alternative pathway for BTs to support providers in the gap between the time between testing.
 - CPT codes are coming in 2027
 - Asked for a review and alignment with the new standards.
 - Emily & Amy are having a meeting regarding school based program with CASP
 - 97156 is permitted to be concurrently billed with 97153
 - Additionally parent training has been approved
 - Anyone can provide additional written public comment
 - The state typically only provides/focuses on one comment, therefore, we narrowed it down to what is most important.
 - Offered created an alternative pathway for a BT + accepting a lower rate for a BT than an RBT



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- **Upcoming Events**

- AKABA Conference May 8-9, 2026

Meeting ended at 12:03 PM

Next Full Meeting: January 2026

Next Eboard Meeting: 12/19/2025 @ 11:30 AM via Zoom