

Board Meeting Summary

ATA Board Meeting, DoubleTree, Portland, OR, May 3 – 4, 2025

To keep the membership abreast of ATA Board activities in a timely manner, a summary of the most recent Board meeting follows.

This summary is not the same as the minutes. Meeting minutes are posted in the Members-Only section of the ATA website after they are approved by the Board:

<https://www.atanet.org/about-us/board/board-meeting-minutes/>

At its May 2025 meeting, the Board:

- Adopted the Board agenda.
- Approved the minutes from the February 1 – 2, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.
- Received remarks from President Koby.
- Received the Headquarters report from Interim Executive Director Adrian Aleckna.
- Discussed the Contact Form on ATA's Language Service Directory.
- Received the Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Bonthrone.
- Held a wrap-up discussion about the Strategic Planning Session that the Board participated in, on Friday, May 2, 2025.
- Received an update on the annual conference planning from President-Elect Benzo.
- Received the Certification Committee report from Chair Bogoslaw.
- Approved a motion to make Persian to English certification testing available immediately.
- Approved a motion for the Board to set the early three-day registration fee for members for the ATA66 Boston Conference.
- Discussed future conference data and models.
- Received the Advocacy Committee report from Chair Karl.
- Approved a motion that the Board approve the purchase of Action Button to assist with advocacy.
- Appointed Marifer Sager to the Advocacy Committee.
- Appointed Yasha Saebi to the Advocacy Committee.
- Discussed this item, led by Director Karl: potential Board support of a motion to be brought by *La Société française des traducteurs* (SFT) at the upcoming FIT Statutory Congress in Geneva.
- Discussed this item, led by Director Karl: liability issues related to the ATA membership requirement for certification.
- Received the Education and Pedagogy Committee report from Chair Alkashef.
- Appointed Isabel Asensio to the Education and Pedagogy Committee.
- Received a presentation from Director Green on her attendance at the recent conference of the American Association of Interpreters and Translators in Education (AAITE).
- Approved a motion to revise the ATA Reimbursement and Honoraria Policy.
- Approved an amendment to the ATA Reimbursement and Honoraria Policy as passed, regarding meal allowances for Board members during the annual conference.
- Reviewed committee and division reports requiring no Board action.

- Reviewed Division and Special Interest Group reports.
- Reviewed other reports.
- Reviewed membership feedback to the Board.
- Noted that there were no remarks from the General Membership on either day of the Board meeting because no members were present.
- Discussed the location and date of the next (virtual) Board meeting.
- Received the AI Task Force report from Chair Bogdan.
- Approved the AI statement from the AI Task Force as amended for publication and distribution.
- Received the Business Practices Education Committee report from President Koby.
- Appointed Helen Eby to the Business Practices Education Committee.
- Appointed Hannah Varadi to the Business Practices Education Committee.
- Appointed James Kirchner to the Public Relations Committee.
- Appointed Evgeny Terekhin to the Public Relations Committee.
- Appointed Yanette Tift to the Public Relations Committee.
- Discussed having ATA produce *Know Your Rights* cards.
- Under Any Other Business, did not approve a motion to increase the cost of various services provided by the Certification Program.
- Under Any Other Business, approved a motion to refer the matter of increasing the cost of various services provided by the Certification Program to the Executive Committee for decision.
- Under Any Other Business, discussed the possibility of a chatbot on the ATA website to address repetitive questions about certification.
- Under Any Other Business, discussed the conference session review process.