SBM State Bar of Michigan | GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order by Chair King at 10:10 a.m.

1. **Attendance and Excused Absences:**
   See attached meeting attendance sheet.

   Motion by Chubb/Williams to approve excused absences; approved unanimously.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**
   Motion by Sluggett/Pastula to approve agenda; approved unanimously.

3. **Election of GLS Officers:**
   Motion by Nettleton/Williams to Approve Slate of Officers; approved unanimously: King, Chair; Pastula, Vice Chair; Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer; Gibbs, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer.

   [Debra Walling joined the call]

4. **Approval of Minutes:**
   Motion by Chubb/Nettleton to approve minutes for June 19, 2026, Regular Meeting and August 5, 2026 Special meeting; approved unanimously.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**
   Report provided by Vice Chair Pastula. Motion by Williams/Sluggett to approve GLS paying MAMA $1,684.79 (Inv. No. 010193) for GLS share of expenses related to 2026 Summer Conference. (see roll call vote results below).

		Yes	No	Absent Excused	Abstain
1	Bluhm, Lori 2027			X	
2	Brady, Michael 2024			X	
3	Chubb, Anthony 2026	X			
4	Fisher, Jerry 2026			X	
5	Forbush, Audrey 2027	X			
6	Forsyth, Chris 2027			X	
7	Gibbs, Aimee 2025	X			
8	Joppich, Steve 2027			X	
9	Kim, William 202	X			
10	King, Dawn 2026 Vice Chair	X			
11	Kolb, Kristin 2026 Chair	X			
12	McGee, Mike 2025			X	
13	Mills, Lizzie 2026	X			
14	Mithani, Soni 2025			X	
15	Nettleton, Mark 2025	X			

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16	Pastula, Julianne 2027 Secretary-Treasurer	X			
17	Sluggett, Jeff 2027	X			
18	Thomas, Aaron 2025	X			
19	Watza, Mike 2026			X	
20	White-McDonnell, Elizabeth 2025	X			
21	Williams, Eric 2025	X			

Quorum (8) Bylaws Section 5.5. (13 members present; 8 excused absences)

6. Amicus Committee:

By Williams: No new requests for amicus briefs. There are a few amici briefs the Committee has approved but not yet filed.

7. Briefly Update:

No update at this time.

8. Zoning, Land Use, and Local Control Committee:

No update at this time.

9. Old Business:

None.

10. New Business:

a. Winter Seminar 2027. Tentative date is Friday February 19, 2027.

b. Troy Community Center under consideration for the venue.

c. Brief discussion on potential topics. Chubb suggested AI generated FOIA appeals as a potential subject to be considered.

d. Thomas volunteered to lead the planning for the 2027 Winter Conference and solicited any help from any other Council members.

11. Council Comments:

Multiple members expressed their appreciation for Kristin Kolb's leadership as Chair over the past 12 months. Mills expressed the value of the Council being involved in service projects throughout the year and encouraged the Council to continue in this regard.

12. Adjournment: Motion by Kolb/Chubb to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom.

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