SBM State Bar of Michigan | GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2026 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order by Vice-Chair Julianne Pastula at 10:04 a.m.

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

   Motion by Fisher/Joppich to approve excused absences; approved unanimously.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**
   Motion by Mills/Kolb to amend agenda to approve just the September 26, 2026 Organizational Meeting Minutes; approved unanimously.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**
   Motion by Chubb/Mills to approve minutes for the September 26, 2026 Organizational Meeting Minutes; approved. Fisher abstains.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**
   Report provided by Treasurer Aaron Thomas. Provided overview as of June 26, 2026 net cash set forth in Exhibit B (attached).

   Thomas noted tow updates: (a) the Michigan Municipal League (MML) invoice related to the *LeDuke v South Haven* amicus for direct payment to totaling $7,494 was sent to Alpa 10/8 as approved in the September Meeting, and (b) and the updated MAMA invoice re: the summer conference/Perry Hotel is the only outstanding invoice currently.

   Motion by Fisher/Willams to approve GLS paying MAMA $ (Inv. No. 010853) for GLS share of expenses in the amount of $2,346.07 related to 2026 Summer Conference. See roll call vote results below: approved.

		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			

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14	Mithani, Soni 2025			X	
15	Nettleton, Mark 2025			x	
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)

5. <u>Amicus Committee:</u>

Chair Williams:

Wiliams reported that the *Midland* case and the *LeDuke* case were argued before Michigan Supreme Court. Williams received report from Peter Webster on Midland case; and the LeDuke case was also argued and points raised in GLS amicus briefs were raised during Superme Cout oral arguments. No decisions yet to report.

Williams reported that GLS was solely invited to provide amicus briefing in new case *Armstrong v Grand Rapids*. Prospective authors to be considered.

Motion by Fisher/Kolb to accept case and authorize spend of up to $15,000 for amicus briefing, and table selection of author next meeting. See roll call results below: approved.

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent Excused</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
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	
16	Pastula, Julianne 2027 Secretary-Treasurer	X			
17	Sluggett, Jeff 2027			x	
18	Thomas, Aaron 2025	X			

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19	Watza, Mike 2026			X	
20	White-McDonnell, Elizabeth 2025	X			
21	Williams, Eric 2025	X			

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Amicus Committee, cont.

(a) Motion by Chubb/Thomas to continue current Chair Williams and current composition of committee; approved unanimously.

(b) Committee Chair Williams provided update on arguments in *Midland* and *LeDuke* cases

(c) ACLU case – Fisher/Kolb - motion to authorize brief up to 15K with selection of author at next meeting. Approved via roll call vote. Request for authors or want to volunteer contact Dawn or Eric.

6. Zoning Committee

Chair Fisher: no report at this time.

Motion by Chubb/Willisams to continue current Chair Fisher and current composition of committee; approved unanimously.

A voice vote motion by Fisher/Sluggett; Abstentions by McGee (firm represents utilities) and Mills (firm represents DTE in other matters); motion approved.

7. Briefly Update:

Chair Mithani: not in attendance.

Motion by Joccipch/Thomas to continue current Chair Mithani and current composition of committee; approved unanimously.

Discussion regarding request for co-editors – tabled to next meeting.

Update Joppich

8. Old Business:

a. 2027 Winter Seminar - (February, 2027 – Location Troy) - Update provided by Thomas will be confirming exact date and location with Lori Bluhm and then SBM. Reported forms should be turned in before Thanksgiving.

Board Discussion regarding Seminar possible topics:

- AI and data centers;
- AI – and FOIA – (White-McDonnell – the requests are so long and the appeals have increased);
- Constitutional Convention (depending on election);
- Solar projects via public service project;
- Affordable housing – (Forsyth will contribute; Detroit landbank director or housing commission; lobbyist from MML);
- BESS – battery energy source systems – (Primary Frequency Control services);
- FLOCK cameras systems – (Chubb can present with guests Bloomfield and Grand Blanc Police Chiefs; Kolb – Beverly Hills has extensive policy on FLOCK; concern – private individuals requesting FLOCK info thru FOIA);

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- Bill Kim – consider second track for newer attorneys; Consider logistics; Kolb will discuss with King.

9. New Business:

None listed.

10. Council Comments:

- Brady: Discussed Court of Appeals decision and updates in the *Mahmood v City of Hamtramck and Wayne County Board of Canvassers* case and remand and vote counting implications.
- Fisher: working on amicus brief on Hamtramck case and will discuss with Joppich and Brady.
- Pastula reported and acknowledged that Lori Bluhm was on Women of Influence Panel earlier this week.

11. Adjournment: Motion by Chubb/Mills to adjourn at 11:04 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom.

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