

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council

**Date:** December 4, 2025

**Chair:** Eric Klein

**Members Present:**

Gerald Aben	P	Matthew Keuten	P
Jeremy Belanger	P	Eric Klein	P
Reesa Benkoff	P	Lisa Lucido	E
Michael Bossenbroek	P	Jenna McLane	P
Liza Brooks	P	Aaron Sohaski	P
Elizabeth Callahan	P	Emma Trivax	P
Jovan Dragovic	P	Matthew Turchyn	E
Becky Glitman	P	Ashley Weiner	E
Timothy Gutwald	A		
		Angelica Lu-Essinger (HCLS Administrator)	P

P=Present E=Excused A=Absent

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Eric Klein)	Eric called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M.
Roll Call (Eric Klein)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Eric Klein)	No Report.
Review and Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2025 (Elizabeth Callahan)	The Minutes of November 6, 2025, Council Meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report for October 2025 (Reesa Benkoff)	Reesa Benkoff reviewed the October financials. There was over \$14,000 of income from section dues and the Council's expenses were just over \$2,500 in October, exceeding revenue over expenses by \$11,700. Reesa highlighted that our fund balance as of end of October is \$71,085.61.
<b>Committee Reports</b>	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	The Legislative Committee emailed that they do not have any updates other than the note that their meeting will start the process for determining who will be on the Hot Topics Webinar in late spring.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	The Substantive Law Committee reported great progress, highlighting the addition of four new members (two in Payors Subcommittee and two in Medical Legal Subcommittee). This Committee mentioned that the Payors Subcommittee is organizing a webinar on the No Surprises Act for late January, the Medical Legal Subcommittee is planning an update on the corporate practice of medicine for early February, and the Providers Subcommittee is considering a discussion on M&A updates and private equity for late February. Michael Bossenbroek will follow up with the other Subcommittee Chairs to inquire about the speakers for their upcoming webinars and status of speaker selection. Eric Klein has also offered to help seek speakers if needed.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	The Publications Committee reported progress on the HIPAA Matrix, which is awaiting final cite checking and this Committee shared updates on a successful call for authors, with one paper in editing and three more scheduled for early next year. Emma Trivax highlighted upcoming publications on a Corporate Practice of Medicine update coming, AI in healthcare, the Medicaid cuts in Michigan Medicaid, and talking about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Emma expressed interest in recruiting additional members to the Publications Committee. Eric Klein has indicated that if there are any other potential candidates for the Publications Committee, he will direct them to Emma Trivax.

Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	The Pro Bono Committee is brainstorming ideas for a charity aligned with the Health Care Law Section, with the toy drive being a potential option again. This Committee has requested volunteers to join their Committee since there are only two members left. Eric Klein has noted the need for more members and he will be on the lookout for volunteers.
Fellow Committee Report (Mathew Keuten)	The Fellows Committee will begin efforts in January 2026 to request nominations. Matthew Keuten and Angelica Lu-Essinger will work together to distribute "Call for Fellows Letter" to the Section.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	<p>The New Lawyers and Law Student Committee is sending out notices for Lunch and Learns, and this Committee has received a few inquiries about ICLE Scholarships to attend the ICLE HLI on March 12, 2026. Angelica Lu-Essinger has confirmed with Max Matthies, Staff Attorney at ICLE, that the Student Prices are \$95.00 and the Government Prices are \$245.00, which are the same prices as last year. The Council proposed to continue providing ICLE Sponsorships for the upcoming year.</p> <p><b>Motion: To approve 10 student scholarships and 5 government scholarships for ICLE HLI in March 12, 2026.</b></p> <p><b>Motion: Unanimously approved.</b></p>
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	<p>The Membership Committee reported on a successful ax-throwing event, which had a high attendance rate. The event was less expensive than budgeted, with costs ranging from \$750 to \$1,000, and the venue charged only for those who participated in ax-throwing.</p> <p>This Committee is planning a future panel discussion on AI. They are intending to host their panel discussion in February, which will include an attorney, a provider, and an individual in risk management or compliance. Aaron Sohaski noted that this panel discussion will draw interest from law students interested in learning about AI in healthcare.</p> <p>Aaron Sohaski is looking for a law firm to host the event due to space constraints, and he requested the Council's assistance in finding a suitable venue that can hold 20-40 participants. Elizabeth Callahan has offered to host the panel discussion at Hall Render's Troy office and Jenna McLane also offered to assist with an alternative venue at Honigman LLP's office in downtown Metro Detroit if Hall Render's Troy office is unavailable.</p>
<b>Old Business (Eric Klein)</b>	
James L. Liggins	Eric Klein mentioned he would reach out to James Liggins to schedule a follow-up meeting.
ICLE Appreciation Dinner	Angelica Lu-Essinger reported she was waiting for a W-9 form from Andiamo Livonia to finalize the ICLE Appreciation Dinner deposit.
<b>New Business (Eric Klein)</b>	
ICLE Silver Sponsorship	Eric Klein has emailed Max Matthies to confirm the Section's Silver Sponsorship with no issues.
Increasing HCLS fees	<p>The Council discussed increasing current membership costs from \$35.00 to \$50.00, which is a \$15.00 increase. Eric Klein cited that most of the HCLS funds come from membership dues and highlighted that the increase will help alleviate any financial strain from future events.</p> <p><b>Motion: To approve increasing HCLS annual dues from \$35.00 to \$50.00</b></p> <p><b>Motion: Unanimously approved.</b></p>
Adjournment/Next Meeting	The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 PM. The next Council meeting will be on January 8, 2026 @ Noon.