

MINUTES

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

Date: January 8, 2026

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	E	Jenna McLane	E
Liza Brooks	P	Aaron Sohaski	P
Elizabeth Callahan	P	Emma Trivax	P
Jovan Dragovic	P	Matthew Turchyn	P
Becky Glitman	P	Ashley Weiner	A
Timothy Gutwald	A		
		James Liggin	P
		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 12:02 P.M.
Roll Call (Eric Klein)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Eric Klein)	None reported.
Review and Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2025 (Elizabeth Callahan)	The Minutes of December 4, 2025, Council Meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report for November 2025 (Reesa Benkoff)	Reesa Benkoff reviewed the November financials. Reesa reported \$11,500 in Section dues income for November with no expenses, bringing the fund balance to \$82,670.61.
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	No report.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	Michael Bossenbroek reported that the Substantive Law Committee plans to host a webinar scheduled for January 28th regarding the No Surprises Act. As of right now, the Payor's Subcommittee will follow up on confirmation from the final speaker and inform the group when it is confirmed so advertising can begin. Other future webinars will be finalized in February and March 2026.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	Emma Trivax reported that the Publications Committee is progressing with the HIPAA Matrix Review and has a draft Private Equity article in progress, with edits expected in February and final review planned for Q1.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	Gerald Aben discussed pro bono initiatives including partnerships with legal aid organizations and webinars introducing pro bono opportunities. The group explored potential programs like estate planning for healthcare providers, but Becky Glitman and Matthew Turchyn highlighted concerns about conflicts of interest and tracking participation. Liza Brooks suggested partnering with patient-led organizations like Rare as One Network, and Elizabeth Callahan proposed providing substantive summaries or forms to local health law clinics. The Council agreed to further develop these ideas, with Gerald taking the lead.

Fellow Committee Report (Mathew Keuten)	Matthew Keuten reviewed the Fellows call for nominations for communication with no further edits. The call for nominations will be sent to all Section members on Monday January 12 th , 2026.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	Jeremy Belanger discussed the ICLE Scholarship distribution, where 8 spots have been filled by Wayne State students, and agreed to proceed with a first-come, first-serve basis rather than maintaining a 2-per-school allocation. The Council agreed to set February 27 th as the deadline for ICLE scholarship applications and have the New Lawyers and Law Student Committee remind law schools of this deadline.
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	Aaron Sohaski has confirmed that the Membership Committee will host an AI Panel Event regarding “Governing the Machine: Using AI Boldly—and Legally—in Healthcare” at the Columbia Center LP in Troy, Michigan. The AI Panel will take place on February 5 th , 2026 starting from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM with a light dinner catered by Link’s Café. Aaron will confirm the dinner order closer to the event, and he estimates that the dinner order should not exceed \$600.00. Motion: To approve dinner order of \$600.00 for AI Panel Event in February 5, 2026. Motion: Unanimously approved.
Old Business (Eric Klein)	
James L. Liggins	James Liggins introduced himself as the State Bar Board of Commissioners Liaison. James expressed his willingness to serve as a resource and a liaison between the Council and the Board of Commissioners, offering to assist with communication and support on issues or opportunities that arise.
ICLE Appreciation Dinner	Angelica Lu-Essinger to continue following up with Andiamo Livonia to secure venue and deposit for the ICLE Appreciation Dinner.
New Business (Eric Klein)	
2026 Young Lawyers Summit Sponsor-Exhibitor Opportunities	The Council considered a sponsorship opportunity for the Young Lawyers Section’s March 27 th summit, with Aaron Sohaski noting it could be a good membership pipeline opportunity, but, the Council decided to wait on making the final decision until the Council can confirm attendance by its members. Eric Klein indicated to reach out to him if there is any interest or availability to attend and staff the HCLS table at the Young Lawyers Section event on March 27 th .
Adjournment/Next Meeting	The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 PM. The next Council meeting will be on February 5 th , 2026 @ Noon.