

# MINUTES

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

**Date:** February 5, 2026

**Chair:** Eric Klein

**Members Present:**

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

P=Present E=Excused A=Absent

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Eric Klein)	Eric Klein called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.
Roll Call (Eric Klein)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Eric Klein)	None reported.
Review and Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2026 (Elizabeth Callahan)	The Minutes of January 8, 2026, Council Meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report for December 2025 (Reesa Benkoff)	Reesa Benkoff reviewed the December financials. She reported \$2,000 in income from section dues and \$1,495 in Administration, Zoom and Membership Committee expenses, resulting in a fund balance of \$83,175.82.
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	Ashley Weiner discussed the Legislative Committee's plans to expand their panel to include four participants focusing on engaging healthcare lawyers with legislators.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	None reported.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	Emma Trivax has confirmed that their committee just completed the first phase of the HIPAA matrix and are now moving onto the deeper review. Regarding our papers, we've just completed edits for one paper and the author is reviewing our edits, so we will have our first paper complete soon. We have another paper that just began the editing process.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	Gerald Aben is still looking at new Pro Bono options the Council can participate in without compromising client conflict of interests. Eric Klein has indicated that he will follow up with Gerald Aben at a later date regarding this matter.
Fellow Committee Report (Mathew Keuten)	Matthew Keuten is still requesting and circulating the Fellows call for nominations for communication. There is one nomination thus far and Matthew Keuten will continue to collect nominations until March 1, 2026.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	None reported.
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	Aaron Sohaski mentioned organizing the AI panel event (taking place later that evening) with 35 registered attendees on February 5, 2026 at the Columbia Center in Troy. Aaron Sohaski is also exploring options for swag merchandise within a \$500 budget to promote interested attendees in joining the Section. Aaron will review the swag catalog, send

	<p>options to the Council, and proceed with ordering up to \$500 worth of branded merchandise for upcoming HCLS events.</p> <p><b>Motion: To approve purchase for SWAG merchandise up to \$500.00 for upcoming HCLS events</b>  <b>Motion: Unanimously approved.</b></p> <p>The Council discussed plans for an event in May involving a Tigers game at Comerica Park, with Aaron Sohaski providing pricing details for a suite accommodating 35 people. The estimated cost for the suite, including food and beverage, is \$10,000, which is higher than previous years but remains a popular event. Both Eric Klein and Aaron Sohaski noted that this is the most affordable option among major sports venues, and while they considered other options like Pistons games or DCFC matches, the timing and accessibility of these events made them less suitable for networking purposes. Aaron Sohaski agreed to bring a formal proposal with food and beverage costs to the next meeting on March 5, 2026.</p>
<b>Old Business (Eric Klein)</b>	
<p>2026 Young Lawyers Summit (YLS) Sponsor-Exhibitor Opportunities</p>	<p>Eric Klein mentioned that Emma Trivax to cover morning portion and Aaron Sohaski to cover afternoon portion of the Young Lawyers Summit (YLS) taking place at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. Eric Klein has requested the Council to approve the motion of sponsoring the YLS event in the hopes to recruit new members to join the Health Care Law Section.</p> <p><b>Motion: To approve YLS Sponsorship of \$500.00 taking place on March 27, 2026</b>  <b>Motion: Unanimously approved.</b></p>
<p>ICLE's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting on March 12, 2026</p>	<p>The Council agreed to register for ICLE Volunteer Appreciation Dinner taking place after the ICLE Annual Meeting:  <a href="https://forms.gle/XmobGtkmBa53qMv69">https://forms.gle/XmobGtkmBa53qMv69</a></p>
<b>New Business (Eric Klein)</b>	
<p>Acknowledgement Page/Tribute for Michigan lawyers who passed away</p>	<p>The Council considered but did not immediately adopt a proposal to recognize deceased Michigan lawyers, with Elizabeth Callahan suggesting focusing on those who passed in the last 5 years as a way to honor significant contributions while avoiding an administrative burden. Eric Klein has decided to discuss how to appropriately recognize deceased members (e.g., posthumous lifetime achievement), for further discussion at a future meeting.</p>
<p>Adjournment/Next Meeting</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM. The next Council meeting will be on March 5, 2026 @ Noon</p>