

MINUTES

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

Date: March 5, 2026

Chair: Eric Klein

Members Present:

Gerald Aben	P	Matthew Keuten	P
Jeremy Belanger	P	Eric Klein	P
Reesa Benkoff	P	Lisa Lucido	P
Michael Bossenbroek	P	Jenna McLane	P
Liza Brooks	A	Aaron Sohaski	P
Elizabeth Callahan	P	Emma Trivax	P
Jovan Dragovic	P	Matthew Turchyn	P
Becky Glitman	E	Ashley Weiner	P
Timothy Gutwald	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 12:01 P.M.
Roll Call (Eric Klein)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Eric Klein)	None reported.
Review and Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2026 (Elizabeth Callahan)	The Minutes of February 5, 2026, Council Meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report for January 2026 (Reesa Benkoff)	Reesa Benkoff reviewed the January financials. She reported the January income of \$880 from section dues and expenses of \$835, with a current fund balance of \$83,220.32.

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	Ashley Weiner discussed the Legislative Committee's short article ready to be submitted from a publication standpoint with Eric Klein's assistance, and this committee will have their annual legislative webinar on April 10 th or April 13 th by finalizing their panelists.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	Michael Bossenbroek reported on the Substantive Law Committee's recent webinar on the No Surprises Act on Wednesday February 25 th , which had 55 attendees out of 79 registrants, and mentioned upcoming webinars on Corporate Practice of Medicine from Medical Legal Subcommittee and Emerging Federal Topics from Provider Subcommittee, both planned for late spring. This committee discussed the Technology Subcommittee's lack of responsiveness and attendance at Substantive Law Committee meetings. Michael will follow up with Lauren Willens, chair of the Technology Subcommittee, on their status.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	Emma Trivax reported progress on several papers, with one on private equity in healthcare nearing final publication pending author agreement signatures, and another first draft completed on corporate practice of medicine. The HIPAA matrix project needs additional volunteers for higher level review, as only two of eight initially contacted attorneys have committed to assist.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	Gerald Aben reported on working to schedule meetings with legal aid organizations to identify relevant healthcare presentation opportunities in relation to Health Care Law.
Fellow Committee Report (Mathew Keuten)	Matthew Keuten confirmed he received four nominations, three of which were new candidates, and will proceed with voting and council approval for the annual meeting.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	Jeremy Belanger distributed student scholarships primarily to Wayne State, and plans to follow up with University of Detroit and Wayne State regarding student nominations and potential lunch and learn events.

<p>Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)</p>	<p>Aaron Sohaski reported that the AI panel event in February was well-attended with 25 participants and positive feedback. Aaron ordered new swag including 150 pens and 100 sticky notes for \$465, which will arrive on the 10th, and discussed potential distribution at upcoming events. The group discussed replacing a missing tablecloth that was previously in the possession of a former council member, with Eric suggesting they approve up to \$500 for a new one.</p> <p>Motion: To approve purchase for HCLS Tablecloth up to \$500.00 Motion: Unanimously approved.</p> <p>This committee presented options for a Tigers game suite event, including 20-, 25-, and 35-person suites without food, with the possibility of adding a \$2,000 food spread. The Council discussed the pros and cons of each dates/suites, highlighting that the Council would like to avoid Memorial Day dates due to potential travel conflicts. The Council ultimately decided on a 25-person suite for Monday, May 18th with a total budget not exceeding \$7,000, including food, drink, and insurance.</p> <p>Motion: To approve Tigers Game vs Cleveland on Monday, May 18th, a 25-person suite on not to exceed \$7,000, including food, drink, and insurance Motion: Unanimously approved.</p>
<p>Old Business (Eric Klein)</p>	
<p>ICLE Appreciation Dinner</p>	<p>The upcoming ICLE Appreciation Dinner has confirmed 17 signed-up attendees thus far. Eric Klein highlighted that there is a minimum of a \$1,200 base threshold needed to be met at the dinner so more are welcomed to join.</p>
<p>Annual Meeting Planning</p>	<p>The Council was asked to consider ideas for the annual meeting in September, though no specific decisions were made on this topic.</p>
<p>New Business (Eric Klein)</p>	
<p>Sponsor Upcoming Paralegal Education Event</p>	<p>The Council considered sponsoring the upcoming Paralegal Education Event, but, ultimately decided to pass on the sponsorship opportunity.</p>
<p>Move HCLS Monthly Meeting Date</p>	<p>The Council decided to move next month's meeting from Thursday April 2nd to Thursday April 9th to avoid low attendance from Spring Break.</p>
<p>Adjournment/Next Meeting</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 PM . The next Council meeting will be on April 9, 2026 @ Noon.</p>