

MINUTES

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

Date: April 7, 2026

Chair: Eric Klein

Members Present:

Gerald Aben	P	Matthew Keuten	P
Jeremy Belanger	E	Eric Klein	P
Reesa Benkoff	P	Lisa Lucido	P
Michael Bossenbroek	E	Jenna McLane	E
Liza Brooks	P	Aaron Sohaski	P
Elizabeth Callahan	A	Emma Trivax	P
Jovan Dragovic	P	Matthew Turchyn	P
Becky Glitman	E	Ashley Weiner	A
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 12:00 P.M.
Roll Call (Eric Klein)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Eric Klein)	None reported.
Review and Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2026 (Elizabeth Callahan)	The Minutes of March 5, 2026, Council Meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report for February 2026 (Reesa Benkoff)	Reesa Benkoff reported February financials showing \$500 in income and \$1,874.45 in expenses, leaving a fund balance of \$81,845.87.
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	None reported.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	Michael Bossenbroek emailed the Substantive Law Committee report. The report included an update on scheduled webinars. The first webinar on The Corporate Practice of Medicine took place on Wednesday April 8 th hosted by the Medical Legal Subcommittee. The Providers Subcommittee has scheduled a webinar for April 27 th with a panel discussion on Emerging Topics in Federal Enforcement of health care matters. Lastly, the Technology Subcommittee has a webinar penciled in for June 3 rd on a topic to be determined at a later date, but possibly AI-related.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	Emma Trivax provided an update on behalf of the Publications Committee, noting that their first paper of the year was published last month and a second paper is in progress for Q2. The HIPAA matrix review is underway and entering the high-level review phase.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	Gerald Aben reported being in planning phases for a pro bono initiative and mentioned speaking with Aaron Barash, his predecessor, who agreed to rejoin as a committee member. Their Committee discussed ideas for a seminar series on pro bono opportunities for healthcare members and considered organizing a non-profit workshop in collaboration with legal aid groups. They planned to meet again the next day to further develop proposals for these initiatives.
Fellow Committee Report (Matthew Keuten)	Matthew Keuten reported on Fellows Committee matters and mentioned he had an email prepared to send to the Council with new nominees and previous year's names, pending verification of some nominees' section involvement from Angelica Lu-Essinger.

New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	None reported.
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	Aaron Sohaski reported on the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers section event where they had a well-attended booth with new promotional materials. He noted that 23 out of 25 spots for the upcoming Tigers game event were reserved, with a decision to create a waiting list of 10 people to allow for scheduling flexibility.
Old Business (Eric Klein)	
ICLE and ICLE Appreciation Dinner	The Council discussed the ICLE venue at Vistatech Center, comparing it favorably to St. John's location in terms of attendance and space utilization. Matthew Keuten and Gerald Aben noted some minor drawbacks like sight lines and room size, but overall positive feedback was shared about the food, location, and cleanliness.
Annual Meeting	Eric Klein requested that the Council start planning for the September annual meeting, including topics and speakers.
New Business (Eric Klein)	
ICLE	Max Matthies and Lisa Geherin were unable to attend this meeting due to conflicting appointments. They agreed to speak to the Council about the ICLE venue and program at next month's meeting.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Eric Klein)	The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M. The next Council meeting will be on May 7, 2026 @ Noon