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

Date: May 7, 2026

Chair: Eric Klein

Members Present:

Gerald Aben	P	Matthew Keuten	P
Jeremy Belanger	A	Eric Klein	P
Reesa Benkoff	P	Lisa Lucido	E
Michael Bossenbroek	P	Jenna McLane	P
Liza Brooks	A	Aaron Sohaski	P
Elizabeth Callahan	P	Emma Trivax	P
Jovan Dragovic	A	Matthew Turchyn	P
Becky Glitman	P	Ashley Weiner	P
Timothy Gutwald	P	Max Matthies (ICLE Representative)	P
		Lisa Geherin (ICLE Representative)	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 April 9, 2026 (Elizabeth Callahan)	The Minutes of April 9, 2026, Council Meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report for March 2026 (Reesa Benkoff)	Reesa Benkoff reported March financials showing $35 in income and $8,762 in expenses from administrative fees, ICLE Appreciation Dinner, swag for our Section and law student scholarship awards, leaving a fund balance of $73,118.03.
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	Ashley Weiner reported on the annual legislative webinar held last month on "how to get involved in legislative advocacy and why it's important". Attendance was approximately half of typical numbers, possibly due to the topic being less directly applicable than the usual legislative hot topics format. Ashley indicated they would likely return to the traditional "hot topics" format next year. This Committee plans to produce a post-election article in late summer analyzing what legislation might pass depending on the November election outcomes.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	Michael Bossenbroek reported two successful webinars in April: one on "Corporate Practice of Medicine in Michigan: Legal Framework and Practical Implications" (94 registered, 60 attended) and other on "Emerging Topics on Current Federal Enforcement" (102 registered, 64 attended). The "Emerging Topics on Current Federal Enforcement" webinar received particularly strong feedback with attendees wishing it was longer and suggesting additional breakout topics. However, Michael reported ongoing challenges with the Technology Subcommittee, low participation and responsiveness. A planned June 3rd webinar from this Subcommittee appears unlikely to materialize. Michael noted the perennial challenge of getting volunteers to actively participate in Subcommittees despite strong member interest in attending events.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	Emma Trivax reported that their group is on track to publish another paper in Q2, with a draft expected this week. A second paper is in the editing stage but has been subject to delays. The HIPAA matrix project has entered its final phase with higher-level reviews

	underway. Emma gave reviewers a loose end-of-summer deadline and plans to send a check-in email in the next couple weeks. Final overseers are prepared to begin working on revisions once reviews are completed.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	Gerald Aben reported momentum in pro bono efforts after meeting with their group. They discovered that Michigan Community Resources had recently restarted nonprofit organized clinics after stopping them several years ago. Gerald reached out to the coordinating attorney to explore opportunities for the Section. He plans to follow up with Angelica Lu-Essinger to learn what other Sections do for pro bono work to explore partnership or idea-sharing opportunities.
Fellow Committee Report (Mathew Keuten)	Matthew Keuten reported an oversight: one of the proposed Fellows nominees is still serving on the Council, making them ineligible. This same person was on the list last year as well, representing a two-year running oversight. The Committee has at least one eligible candidate to present but needs to correct the list before bringing recommendations to the Council. Matthew will present updated candidates at the next meeting.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	None reported.
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	Aaron Sohaski reported that the Tigers game event on May 18th is fully booked with all 25 slots filled after three individuals dropped out following confirmation outreach. The Council approved a budget not to exceed $2,000 for food and beverages, including beer and wine, which has been standard for past events. Aaron will select the menu and manage the arrangements. **Motion: To approve a budget of a maximum of $2,000 for food and beverages at the Tigers Game.** **Motion: Unanimously approved.**
Old Business (Eric Klein)	
ICLE Updates	Max Matthies and Lisa Geherin reported venue challenges, attendance numbers, program structure, and sponsorship funding. Lisa informed the Council that there were multiple logistical and cost-related issues (e.g., food service problems, signage errors, unexpected linen charges, and additional setup fees). ICLE proposed moving to Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, citing high-quality facilities, lower rental and AV costs, and better catering. Lisa confirmed that internal ICLE pressure exists to discontinue the program due to high labor costs and administrative burdens; both she and Max emphasized their desire to keep it viable. Attendance has plateaued over the last few years, with 160 pre-registrations, 25 no-shows, and 8 walk-ins—nearly identical to the prior year's totals. ICLE requested an increase in Section sponsorship from $1,500 (silver) to $3,000 (gold) to offset growing costs. Once Max and Lisa left the meeting, the Council expressed hesitation about changing venues again, noting that moving locations repeatedly could disrupt attendance stability. St. John's venue remains a desirable but currently expensive option due to high AV and rental fees. Council members agreed that the ICLE event continues to offer value but may need refreshed programming or more targeted topics to engage broader participation.
Annual Meeting	Eric Klein opened discussion about the Annual Meeting in September, requesting that Council members propose topics and speakers at the next Council Meeting in June.
New Business (Eric Klein)	
HCLS Council Positions	Eric Klein announced that Jeremy Belanger (New Lawyers and Law Student Committee chair) and Aaron Sohaski (Membership Committee chair) have requested to transition out of their roles. These positions require Council membership. Eric called for volunteers interested in taking over these committee chair positions for next year, noting that interested parties should confirm their Council terms continue.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Eric Klein)	The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 P.M. The next Council meeting will be on June 4, 2026 @ Noon.