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

Date: June 4, 2026

Chair: Eric Klein

Members Present:

Gerald Aben	E	Matthew Keuten	P
Jeremy Belanger	E	Eric Klein	P
Reesa Benkoff	P	Lisa Lucido	P
Michael Bossenbroek	P	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	E
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 May 7, 2026 (Elizabeth Callahan)	The Minutes of May 7, 2026, Council Meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report for April 2026 (Reesa Benkoff)	Reesa Benkoff reported April income of $70 from section dues and $5,248.49 in expenses from Zoom, tablecloth, and Tigers game event, leaving a fund balance of $67,939.54.
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	None reported.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	The Substantive Law Committee reported completing their work for the year and planning webinars for the fall. Michael Bossenbroek mentioned that all four subcommittee chairs agreed to stay on and he is seeking new members to join the one of the four subcommittees.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	The Publications Committee discussed delays in publishing an article due to an unresponsive committee member and ongoing work on the HIPAA matrix. Matthew Keuten agreed to email his completed article on corporate practice and medicine directly to Emma Trivax to expedite publication. Emma mentioned that the HIPAA matrix is still under review.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	The Pro Bono Committee reported challenges with volunteer involvement in committees, particularly noting a lack of follow-through at the committee level. Eric Klein highlighted that there's a limited pool of attorneys and difficulty in expanding this group year over year. Gerald Aben highlighted that the non-profit legal clinics with Michigan Community Resources is on hold until fall plans are finalized.
Fellow Committee Report (Mathew Keuten)	The Fellows Committee met to discuss nominations for the fellow position for the 2025-26 Council year and decided to nominate Nicole Stratton. Mathew Keuten explained that the committee considered eight or nine candidates, but Nicole was the only nominee who met

	the participation criteria based on her seniority and involvement with the Health Care Law Section. The Fellow Committee agreed to keep a list of past suggestions for future consideration and moved forward with Nicole's nomination. **Motion: To approve Nicole Stratton as Fellow 2025-26 Council Year.** **Motion: Unanimously approved.**
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	None reported.
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	The Membership Committee discussed the recent Tigers event which had an excellent attendance rate of 92% (23 out of 25 attendees) despite initial weather concerns. They identified the 25-person suite as the optimal size and noted that Monday night timing worked well, as people were less busy than later in the week.
Old Business (Eric Klein)	
ICLE Status	The Council is waiting for a response from Max Matthies regarding a venue proposal (St. John's vs. Schoolcraft); and discussed ICLE's concerns about attendance and program continuity.
Annual Meeting	The Council considered potential topics for the upcoming Annual Meeting presentation, including data privacy and security in healthcare, web accessibility requirements under Section 504 and the Rehabilitation Act, and operating in a new federal landscape. Action Item: Angelica Lu-Essinger to send to the Section, "Call for Speakers," that will be done on a weekly basis until the July 15th 2026 deadline.
Council Positions for the 2025-26 year	The Council addressed the Council Positions for the next year, noting that some roles need to be filled, including potential replacements for the chair of the Membership Committee (Aaron Sohaski) and a chair for the New Lawyers and Law Students Committee (Jeremy Belanger). As the group discussed committee membership terms and transitions, Aaron Sohaski offered to continue serving if needed while considering succession planning.
New Business (Eric Klein)	
Next Council Meeting	July 2, 2026 cancelled and moved to Thursday July 9, 2026.
Credit Card	The Council discussed issues with payment processing for their Constant Contact subscription and State Bar of Michigan services. Angelica Lu-Essinger reported that after obtaining credit card information from Darin Day (Director of Outreach) at the State Bar of Michigan, she received a price increase notice from Constant Contant, but subsequent email bounce backs indicated Darin was no longer with the State Bar of Michigan. Reesa Benkoff and Eric Klein raised concerns about the State Bar of Michigan's requirement for personal credit card usage for recurring charges, with Eric agreeing to contact James Liggins to seek a solution. Becky explained that vendors had stopped accepting checks last summer due to security concerns, leaving credit card as the only acceptable payment method. Action Item: Eric Klein to contact James Liggins to obtain credit card information from the State Bar of Michigan
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Eric Klein)	The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 P.M. The next Council meeting will be on July 9, 2026 @ Noon.