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

Date: July 9, 2026

Chair: Eric Klein

Members Present:

Gerald Aben	E	Matthew Keuten	P
Jeremy Belanger	P	Eric Klein	P
Reesa Benkoff	P	Lisa Lucido	P
Michael Bossenbroek	A	Jenna McLane	E
Liza Brooks	A	Aaron Sohaski	A
Elizabeth Callahan	A	Emma Trivax	P
Jovan Dragovic	P	Matthew Turchyn	P
Becky Glitman	P	Ashley Weiner	A
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 12:02 P.M.
Roll Call (Eric Klein)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Eric Klein)	None reported.
Review and Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2026 (Elizabeth Callahan)	The Minutes of June 4, 2026, Council Meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report for May 2026 (Reesa Benkoff)	Reesa Benkoff reported that the organization had $145 in income from section dues and $2,586.36 in expenses in May, leaving a fund balance of $49,800.18.
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	None reported.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	None reported.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	Emma Trivax provided an update on the Publications Committee's progress, noting that the Corporate Practice of Medicine paper is in final editing stages and would be the second publication of the year. Two other topics are in process – OBBBA and Healthcare and AI. The HIPAA Matrix project has received sections from 3 out of the remaining 8 reviewers with follow-up being conducted for the remaining 5 attorneys.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	None reported.
Fellow Committee Report (Matthew Keuten)	Matthew Keuten reported that the Committee had completed its work except for coordinating the award.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	Jeremy Belanger noted that the summer has been pretty quiet as law school is not in session. He plans to meet with the Committee in August to discuss steps going forward.
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	None reported.
Old Business (Eric Klein)	
Annual Meeting	Eric Klein led a discussion on three proposals for the Annual Meeting and the Council decided not to select any. Lisa Lucido suggested reviewing the proposals that have been

	submitted for ICLE and consider pulling one of those for the Annual Meeting. Eric Klein agreed to pursue this with Max Matthies.
Council Positions for the 2025-26 year	Eric Klein explained that the bylaws require forming a Nominations Committee, which he would assemble this month to propose new Council Members and Officers for next year. Eric noted he would follow up with Committee chairs about continuing their roles, specifically mentioning that Jeremy Belanger had previously expressed interest in stepping down as chair and Aaron Sohaski had agreed to continue with the Membership Committee, only if needed.
Credit Card	Angelica Lu-Essinger provided an update on resolving credit card issues with the State Bar for vendor payments, noting that Katie Stanley was still waiting for her credit card to arrive and that Angelica was waiting to hear back. Eric Klein explained this was an effort to coordinate payment for vendors who no longer accept checks, and while there had been administrative hassle, it appeared things would be in order for next year's deadlines.
New Business (Eric Klein)	
Amicus Brief Invite	Eric Klein shared that an invitation to submit an amicus brief in an insurance matter. Jovan Dragovic shared detailed insights from the Business Law Section's recent experience with amicus briefs, explaining that the matter involved a highly controversial case that had created "interesting discourse" within the Business Law Section Council, including lobbying of council members by the parties themselves. This controversy prompted the Business Law Section to create a comprehensive policy for handling amicus brief invitations from the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court. Matthew Keuten and Timothy Gutwald both recalled a previous instance in which the Health Care Law Section had declined to participate in an amicus brief. Matt explained that the Section had collectively decided not to get involved because of the differing interests of its membership, noting that physicians, hospitals, and HMOs have different interests. As a result, the Council at the time believed that its members' interests were too varied to take a position responsibly.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Eric Klein)	The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 P.M. The next Council meeting will be on August 6, 2026 @ Noon.