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

Date: August 6, 2026

Chair: Eric Klein

Members Present:

Gerald Aben	P	Matthew Keuten	P
Jeremy Belanger	P	Eric Klein	P
Reesa Benkoff	E	Lisa Lucido	P
Michael Bossenbroek	P	Jenna McLane	A
Liza Brooks	P	Aaron Sohaski	A
Elizabeth Callahan	P	Emma Trivax	P
Jovan Dragovic	E	Matthew Turchyn	P
Becky Glitman	P	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 12:02 P.M.
Roll Call (Eric Klein)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Eric Klein)	None reported.
Review and Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2026 (Elizabeth Callahan)	The Minutes of July 9, 2026, Council Meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report for June 2026 (Reesa Benkoff)	Reesa emailed her report: o We had $140 of income from section dues o We had $337.50 in expenses from admin expenses (for Angelica) o Our fund balance as of 5/31/26 was $65,300.68
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	Ashley reported that the Committee has a key topic on their agenda and they are potentially writing an article on election-related predictions for the coming year, drawing on both the primary results and the upcoming November election. The Committee is leaning toward waiting until after the primary before deciding on the article's direction and timing.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	Michael confirmed that their Committee is organized and ready to move forward. Chairs and Subcommittees are already in place, with a formal kickoff meeting planned for October. He encouraged all Council members to refer any new members or participants their way.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	Emma reported that the CPOM paper is nearing finalization and expected to be released soon. With two additional papers are on track, bringing the total to three publications by year-end. The HIPAA matrix is still in progress — a few final reviewers have yet to submit their sections. Emma's goal is to have it released before ICLE, ideally sooner.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	Gerald reported that the Committee is actively working to identify pro bono opportunities. A key initiative is a potential return to the nonprofit clinic previously run by the group. Gerald is hopeful about scheduling dates for next month and is also exploring other pro bono avenues for members who may prefer different types of engagement.

Fellow Committee Report (Matthew Keuten)	Matthew confirmed that the Fellows award has been ordered by Angelica and that the recipient, Nicole Stratton, has already been notified via congratulations email. Nicole is expected to attend the Annual Meeting, where Matthew will present the award.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	Jeremy reported no significant updates, as the Committee typically does not convene until the start of the school year. He expects to meet either at the end of August or early September. Jeremy also expressed his interest in stepping down as chair, citing responsibilities for his firm's Washington D.C.-based operations, though he indicated willingness to stay on if truly needed. Eric acknowledged this and confirmed it would be addressed when discussing next year's slate at the Nominating Committee meeting.
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	None reported.
Old Business (Eric Klein)	
Annual Meeting Updates	Eric provided an update on the Annual Meeting that the speakers (Julie Janeway and Erica Powell Bell) are set to present. The registration link has been circulated and distributed to the Section. The Nominating Committee has been formed, consisting of Lisa Lucido, Reesa Benkoff, Emma Trivax, Matthew Keuten, and Eric Klein, who will meet in approximately 10 days to put together nominations for the Annual Meeting.
Financial Updates – Zoom and Constant Contact	The State Bar of Michigan's credit card issue remains unresolved, continuing a prolonged process with the State Bar of Michigan. Angelica confirmed that payment obligations are due in October, but noted that progress is being made — Katie Stanley, Director of Outreach & Engagement, has set up accounts for Constant Contact and Zoom. Angelica is waiting for confirmation that the accounts are ready to be paid for in October.
New Business (Eric Klein)	
ICLE Contribution — St. John's Location	Eric shared that ICLE warmly appreciated the Council's proposed $7,500 contribution toward the St. John's location event. Eric followed up with Max Matthies and Max provided a quote from St. John's. The proposed event date is March 3rd, and St. John's is suggesting a Wednesday rather than the typical Thursday. Both Eric and Lisa agreed that for a one-day session, the Wednesday vs. Thursday distinction is not material. The group was open to hearing any dissenting views, but no strong objections were raised.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Eric Klein)	The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 P.M. The next Council meeting will be on September 3,2026 or at the Annual Meeting @ Noon.