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

Date: September 3, 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	P	Jenna McLane	A
Liza Brooks	A	Aaron Sohaski	P
Elizabeth Callahan	P	Emma Trivax	P
Jovan Dragovic	P	Matthew Turchyn	P
Becky Glitman	P	Ashley Weiner	P
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 12:01 P.M.
Roll Call (Eric Klein)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Eric Klein)	None reported.
Review and Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2026 (Elizabeth Callahan)	The Minutes of August 6, 2026, Council Meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report for July 2026 (Reesa Benkoff)	Reesa Benkoff presented the Treasurer's Report for July, noting $75 in income from section dues and $3,437.88 in expenses from speaker gifts, Constant Contact annual renewal, the ICLE scholarship awards, the ICLE sponsorship, and Angelica Lu-Essinger's administrative fees. The remaining fund balance is $56,016.30.
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	Ashley Weiner reported that the Committee has a meeting scheduled in two weeks and plans to develop an article on expected developments for the next year after the election. The anticipated publication timing discussed was late November or early December.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	Michael Bossenbroek reported that the Committee expects to meet at the end of September or early October to begin work and launch webinars.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	Emma Trivax reported that the HIPAA matrix remains incomplete and identified outstanding sections still needed from Gerald Aben, Michael Bossenbroek, Liz Callahan, and Timothy Gutwald. Emma noted concern that the project has been delayed for nearly two years and that content risks becoming outdated if not completed soon. Emma also said that once all sections are received, Angelica Lu-Essinger may be brought in to help with formatting and administrative work, especially table of contents formatting and finalization issues.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	Gerald Aben reported that the Committee has a new member and plans to meet within the next week or two.
Fellow Committee Report (Matthew Keuten)	Matthew Keuten reported no new updates and indicated the Committee is effectively wrapped up for the year.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	None reported.
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	Aaron Sohaski reported that he scheduled a meeting with Ralph Sittler to discuss the transition of Committee leadership and review the usual annual workflow. Aaron said the

	likely first event will be axe throwing, building on the success of the prior year's event. Aaron also invited suggestions for future membership programming and noted interest in trying new activities rather than relying only on prior formats.
Old Business (Eric Klein)	
Annual Meeting	Eric Klein reminded all members that registration for the Annual Meeting was due the day after this meeting. Members were urged to sign up if they had not already done so. **Action Item:** Eric Klein will work on the PowerPoint and Meeting Agenda for Annual Meeting.
Council Positions 2026/27	The Nomination Committee proposed the following new Council members: Ralph Sittler at Trinity Health and Allie Bremer at Miller Johnson. Both individuals had already agreed to serve in open Committee chair roles: Ralph Sittler: Chair of the Membership Committee. Allie Bremer: Chair of the New Lawyers and Law Students Committee. The Nomination Committee also proposed the following officer slate: Lisa Lucido as Chair. Reesa Benkoff as Chair-Elect. Aaron Sohaski as Treasurer. Emma Trivax as Secretary. Eric Klein stated that these positions would take effect at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting in accordance with the bylaws.
Credit Card	Angelica Lu-Essinger reported that the credit card issue appeared to be largely settled and that the remaining step was to wait for the invoice and send it to Katie Stanley for payment.
New Business (Eric Klein)	
ICLE Dinner	The Council discussed the ICLE dinner, planned for Wednesday, March 3rd, at St. John's. The group's preference was to keep the event at St. John's if pricing remained reasonable, largely because having everything in one location is convenient for attendees. **Action Item:** Angelica Lu-Essinger was asked to gather cost information, determine any deposit requirements and send the details to the group so the Council could later decide whether to approve the deposit and proceed. The discussion reflected general support for using St. John's, pending review of pricing and comparison with prior years to make sure costs were acceptable.
Maternity Leave	Angelica Lu-Essinger shared that she will be on maternity leave in late January but that she expects to continue working because the role is primarily remote and only takes a few hours each week. Angelica noted that emails may come at unusual times during that period. Eric Klein thanked Angelica Lu-Essinger for strong administrative support and said Lisa Lucido would work with Angelica Lu-Essinger on the details of coverage and transition planning.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Eric Klein)	The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 P.M. The next Council meeting will be on October 1, 2026 @ Noon.