

**COUNCIL OF TAXATION SECTION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

April 1, 2025

A special meeting of the Council of the State Bar of Michigan Taxation Section was held on April 1, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was held virtually, via Zoom. Ms. Becky Pugliesi, Chairperson of the Taxation Section, presided.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Pugliesi	Ryan Peruski	
Eric Gregory	Gene Magidenko	
Buzz Leach	Josh Bemis	
Negah McKeivitt	Sheridan DuPont	
Brian Gallagher	Christina Wease	

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Watkins		
Erick Hosner		
Joe Peterson		
Nick Papasifakis		

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Kate Ringler	Bella Jordan	Samantha Kopacz
Seth O'Loughlin	Chris Attar	

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Pugliesi called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present.

DISCUSSION OF RAISING BAR DUES

Ms. Pugliesi noted that the State Bar needed a decision on raising dues by mid-April. The proposal is to increase the dues above the current \$30, which would be in line with the Business Section and Probate Section. This would be expected to generate additional revenue of about \$5,000 which would provide additional room in the budget. Then, shortly into the next fiscal year, we can revisit whether we are going to increase dues again. To Ms. Pugliesi's knowledge, this fee has not been raised in ten years.

There was discussion on how much to raise the dues. Various council members raised issues and concerns with raising dues.

Mr. Gallagher motioned and Mr. Gregory seconded a motion to raise the dues to \$40. Mr. Magidenko voted against the proposal, with Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Peruski, Ms. McKevitt, Ms. Wease, Mr. Bemis, Mr. Leach, Mr. Gregory and Ms. DuPont voting in favor of the proposal.

There being no further business, on motion from Mr. Gregory seconded by Mr. Peruski, Ms. Pugliesi adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Gregory". The signature is stylized with a large "E" and "G".

Eric Gregory
Secretary