



Washington State Bar Association • Elder Law Section

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - Dated: 05/19/2026

Via Zoom | ID: 876 3421 9407 | Passcode: 441603

Present (Checked):

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| ☒ Suzanne Thompson Winninger, Chair | ☒ Emily Tyson-Shu, Communications Co-Chair |
| ☒ Nicholas Pleasants, Immediate Past Chair | ☐ Angela Carlson-Whitley, Communications Co-Chair |
| ☒ Angela Macey-Cushman, Chair-Elect | ☐ Karen Boxx, Legislative Co-Chair |
| ☒ Mark Vohr, Secretary | ☐ Megan Farr, Legislative Co-Chair |
| ☐ Matthew Parker, Treasurer | ☐ Mack Kautzman, Grants Co-Chair |
| ☒ Elizabeth Jennings, At-Large Member | ☐ Vacant, Grants Co-Chair |
| ☒ Michael Longyear, At-Large Member | ☐ Meredith Grigg, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair |
| ☒ Ronald St. Hilaire, At-Large Member | ☐ Vacant, Outreach/Mentorship Co-Chair |
| ☐ Genevieve Mann, At-Large Member | ☐ Vacant, Young Lawyer Liaison |
| ☒ Carla Calogero, CLE Committee Co-Chair | ☒ L. Parvin Price, Board of Governors Liaison |
| ☒ Miriam Ayoub, CLE Committee Co-Chair | ☒ Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist |

12:30	Opening	Suzanne Thompson Winninger
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12:32	Approval of Meeting Minutes	Mark Vohr
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Mark presented the minutes. Nick moved to approve without corrections, Ronald seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the April minutes.

12:33	Treasurer Report	Matt Parker
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Total YTD Revenue for 2026, \$30,297.18 plus Dues (approx.) \$23,000, seminar splits \$6,800 New Fund Balance: \$132,698.98. Updated on budget options and expenditure options.

No Report	Legislative Committee Report	Karen Boxx and Megan Farr
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12:39	WSBA Board of Governors	L. Parvin Price
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Key points of meetings: Amendments to APR 2, 3 and Bylaws. Addressing time barriers for attorneys practicing in another state who want to become licensed to practice on other states. Example: Use of scores from Uniform Bar Exam only valid for 24 months. BOG – considering whether these barriers make sense.

Discussion with presenters for Wellness Task Force. (1) Are there wellness issues, and (2) what should we do to address these wellness issues. Concerns with substance abuse. (3) Mental health and suicide issues. 9% of attorneys polled reported suicide ideation. Bar looking for ways to help. Stress driving a lot of this.

Interviews for open seats on the board. Seats are being filled. Specifically, District 10 will be open in September as that rep is the president elect.

DOJ proposed ruling that would require DOJ preliminary review of disciplinary actions prior to state action. WSBA is opposed to this ruling. Supreme Court has filed their own opposition. According to our disciplinary counsel, over 1,000,000 comments were received. There is little support.

12:49 **Communications Committee Report** Angela Carlson-Whitley and Emily Tyson-Shu

No report. Streamlining Communications – not required to go through Carolyn, WSBA.

12:50 **CLE Committee Report** Carla Calogero and Miriam Ayoub

48 Attendees. Low, but not out of line for spring CLEs. Fall should be better. Health Law Section collaboration. Idea for a Joint full day CLE between the two sections. Heath law is also putting on a couple of lunchtime CLEs and have asked ELS to be co-sponsors. E.g. June 16 Civil Commitment. HLS would cover cost July 15, What Health Care providers and Health care lawyers want each group to know. Carla one of the presenters. Appears to be a good fit for ELS. Collaboration is encouraged. Issue – June CLE is at same time as ELS board meeting. Recommended that we move our meeting to 3 pm on that day so we can attend.

1:01 **Outreach/Mentorship Committee Report** Meredith Grigg

Michael and Mark will be presenting Thursday to the East Side section. Snohomish county group presentation is moved to November for a social hour presentation.

1:03 **Grants Committee Report** Mack Kautzman

Suzanne presented: Overview – Program needs to be revitalized. Co-chair Matt is reviewing history of the program. One aspect will be focusing on organizing grant applications and follow-up to see how the money is being used. Used to be a strong program. A lot of enthusiasm to bring it back.

1:06 **WSBA Sections Program Specialist** Carolyn MacGregor

Public meeting, but issue is how we might be including the public. Recommendation is that we have a contact listed to provide information rather than posting a link for anyone to join a meeting. Discussed putting a contact on the web site.

1:11 **New Business** Suzanne Thompson Winner

Young (new) Lawyer Liaison. Goal to start before October. Two-year term. Starting now for reelection in September. Angela Macey-Cushman and Suzanne is working on slate. Angela Carlson-Whitney, Emily, Genevieve, Matt are moving off. Looking for those positions to fill. October 1 is the date for filling. Discussed at large members. How many do we want? Can have up to four. E.g. if Ron agrees to be treasurer, then we might have three. We have most of the slate full but need treasurer and CLE co-chair – which are big positions. May go down to one communications chair. Discussed summer break – July or August. Mark proposed August.

1:25 **Closing** All

Meeting Closed by Suzanne.