

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HEALTH LAW SECTION

February 2026 Full Executive Committee Meeting

Date:	February 4, 2026
Invitees:	Stephanie Sundier, Eric Neiman, Anna Clavel, Jeremy Belanger, Bebe Vanek, Kate Robertson, Andrew Feld, Carolyn Macgregor (WSBA), Elena Praggastis, Genta Iwasaki, Sabrina Marquez, and Christopher Bhang (WSBA)
Attendees:	Stephanie Sundier, Anna Clavel, Jeremy Belanger, Bebe Vanek, Andrew Feld, Carolyn Macgregor (WSBA), Elena Praggastis, Genta Iwasaki, Sabrina Marquez, and Christopher Bhang (WSBA)
Call to Order:	12:00 PM
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Approved on:	March 4, 2026, 12:10 pm, March 2026 Full Executive Committee Meeting
Agenda:	<p>1) Housekeeping (Stephanie)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Roadmap document access (other than as a Google Doc)- EC bio updates- Reminder: Mini-CLE training request for the full EC by 1/31/26 <p>2) Minutes approval for last month's meeting (Genta)</p> <p>3) WSBA updates (Carolyn)</p> <p>4) Board of Governors updates (Chris)</p> <p>5) Subcommittee updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Student Health Law Fair- Mini-CLE updates- Legislative tracking- Newsletter- Podcast- Any other updates <p>6) Next EC term elections prep (Stephanie/Carolyn)</p> <p>7) Other updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Anna will be out of office between Feb. 9 and 17. Someone will need to volunteer to forward WSBA's legislative tracking emails to the executive committee during her absence

Minutes:

1) Housekeeping (Stephanie)

Meeting schedule

- Kate has a new standing conflict with the current meeting time.
- The committee discussed alternative meeting days and times.
- **Tentative decision:** Move EC meetings to **the first Monday of the month at noon (PT)**, subject to confirmation after hearing from Eric and Kate.
- Stephanie will circulate a poll/email to confirm availability and finalize the new standing meeting time.
- Members requested that any old or duplicate calendar invites be clearly canceled to avoid confusion.

Roadmap document access

- Access to Google Docs continues to be an issue for some members.
- Carolyn shared that WSBA can offer a **Microsoft Teams channel** hosted by WSBA as a collaborative document option.
 - All materials hosted there would be subject to **public records requests**.
 - Microsoft 365 access would be required.
- Stephanie indicated the roadmap document is non-confidential and appropriate for WSBA hosting.
- **Action item:** Carolyn will email Stephanie with details.
- **Next step:** Stephanie, Anna, Eric, and Elena will be included as a test group to evaluate feasibility.

EC bios

- EC bio updates are still needed from **Eric and Kate**.
- **Action item:** Stephanie will follow up by email.

Mini-CLE training reminder

- Most EC members have completed the required On24 CLE platform training.
- Jeremy had not completed it yet and did not recall receiving the email.
- **Action item:** Bebe will forward the training link to Jeremy.
- Jeremy will complete the training within the next 1–2 weeks (before the next meeting).

2) Minutes approval for last month's meeting (Genta)

- The meeting minutes from last month were approved. Genta will circulate the minutes to Carolyn next.

3) WSBA updates (Carolyn)

Section viability review

- WSBA bylaws trigger a viability review if a section has fewer than 75 voting members for two consecutive years.
- Two sections have triggered this review. To be sure, the process is intended to be **supportive, not punitive**. (Note that our Health Law Section membership remains strong and stable, and our section is thus not subject to the section viability review at this point.) Current sections under review are:
 - Legal Assistance to Military Personnel
 - Liquor, Cannabis & Psychedelics
- Criteria for review were approved by the Board of Governors.
- Discussion emphasized that section value is not solely determined by membership size, especially for niche practice areas.
- WSBA engages in early outreach and support before any formal review occurs.

Spring WSBA meeting

- The WSBA spring meeting is scheduled for **April 7** (virtual).
- An agenda and invitation will be circulated by WSBA.

4) Board of Governors updates (Chris)

- Reinforced that the aforementioned section viability reviews are not audits or intended to shut down sections.
- The Board is exploring revisions to make the bylaws more flexible and responsive to section needs.

- Focus is on supporting smaller sections and ensuring they have what they need to succeed.

5) Subcommittee updates

Mini-CLEs (Education Subcommittee)

- **“Health Care as a Human Right” mini-CLE**
 - Joint program with the World Peace Through Law section and the International Practice section, respectively.
 - Scheduled for **March 24**.
 - Will feature two academics and an Oregon speaker discussing implementation of Oregon Measure 111.
 - Cooperation agreement is in place; event will be publicized to members.
- **End-of-Life Care mini-CLE**
 - Panel to include one physician and two attorneys.
 - Tentatively planned for April, but scheduling conflicts require identifying new dates.
 - Elder Law Section has been contacted regarding potential co-sponsorship.
 - Format will likely include case studies and interactive discussion.
- **Additional CLEs (in development; topics TBD)**
 - Rural health care (potential June mini-CLE)
 - Disability and access to health care
 - Possible half-day CLE later in summer or early fall

Legislative tracking

- Jeremy flagged a corporate practice of medicine bill that appears similar to last session’s bill.
- The bill did not appear in regular legislative tracking emails.
- **Action item:** Anna will follow up on tracking criteria and why the bill was not flagged.
- Members noted the importance of monitoring potential gaps in legislative updates.

Student Health Law Fair

- Tentatively planned for a **Wednesday in April**, hosted at Seattle University.
- Strong student interest from both UW and Seattle U.
- Seattle U faculty involvement confirmed.
- WSBA staff support (including promotion) is anticipated.

- Students are interested in making the program CLE-accredited if possible.
- A reception is planned after the program.
- Sponsorship from law firms will likely continue, alongside WSBA and section support.
- **Action items:**
 - Elena and team to continue planning.
 - Stephanie to coordinate with WSBA CLE staff regarding accreditation options.

Mentorship program

- Preliminary work underway with WSBA to develop a mentorship program for students and new/young lawyers.
- Materials are in early development stages.

6) Next EC term elections prep (Stephanie/Carolyn)

- Elections-related materials are being shared and reviewed.
- **Action item:** Elena will resend election materials via email link for easier access.

7) Other updates

- Anna will be out of office **February 9 – 17**.
 - Legislative tracking emails will need to be forwarded to the EC during her absence.
 - Volunteers were discussed; follow-up needed to confirm coverage.

Please note that some material in these meeting minutes was generated with help from artificial intelligence and reviewed for accuracy by Genta Iwasaki.