

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HEALTH LAW SECTION

April 2026 Full Executive Committee Meeting

Date:	April 6, 2026
Invitees:	Stephanie Sundier, Eric Neiman, Anna Clavel, Jeremy Belanger, Bebe Vanek, Kate Robertson, Andrew Feld, Kevin Plachy (WSBA), Carolyn Macgregor (WSBA), Elena Munoz Alvarez, Genta Iwasaki, Sabrina Marquez, Christopher Bhang (WSBA), and Wyatt Modracek
Attendees:	Stephanie Sundier, Eric Neiman, Jeremy Belanger, Bebe Vanek, Kate Robertson, Kevin Plachy (WSBA), Carolyn Macgregor (WSBA), Genta Iwasaki, and Sabrina Marquez
Call to Order:	12:00 PM
Adjourn:	1:00 PM
Approved on:	May 4, 2026, 12:15 pm, May 2026 Full Executive Committee Meeting
Agenda:	<p>1) Housekeeping (Stephanie)</p> <p>2) Member concern re 3/31/2026 Legal Lunchbox (Stephanie/Kevin)</p> <p>3) Minutes approval for last month's meeting (Genta)</p> <p>4) WSBA updates (Carolyn)</p> <p>5) Board of Governors updates (Chris)</p> <p>6) Subcommittee updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Student Health Law Fair- Mini-CLE updates- Legislative tracking- Newsletter- Mentorship program- Any other updates <p>7) Next EC term elections prep (Stephanie/Carolyn)</p>
Minutes:	<p><u>1) Housekeeping (Stephanie)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephanie stated that Chris may join later.• Stephanie welcomed attendees and specifically acknowledged the presence of Kevin Plachy from WSBA leadership. <p><u>2) Member concern re 3/31/2026 Legal Lunchbox (Stephanie/Kevin)</u></p> <p>Stephanie introduced a recent listserv communication from a section member (Nicole Lee) expressing concern regarding a WSBA Legal</p>

Lunchbox CLE featuring Dr. Laura Moss (affiliated with Washington Physician Health Program (WPHP)).

According to Kevin:

- Legal Lunchbox programs are free monthly CLEs focused on:
 - Wellness
 - Ethics
 - Practice management
- They intentionally avoid substantive law topics to prevent overlaps with section CLEs.
- WSBA includes standard disclaimers that speaker views do not represent WSBA.

Specifically, the March 31 CLE in question focused on: (i) attorney well-being and addiction, (ii) Dr. Moss' personal experience, and (iii) findings from WSBA Well-Being Task (of which Dr. Moss is a member).

Questions from Nicole during the CLE were deemed not relevant to the presentation and hence not addressed. WSBA reiterated that: (i) the CLE did not promote WPHP, and (ii) speaker affiliation disclosure is standard practice. There has not been any ongoing communication from Nicole at this time.

[Section Considerations]

- Stephanie suggested developing objective criteria for CLE speaker/topic selection.
- General agreement that such criteria would support fairness and consistency.
- Discussion deferred regarding whether to invite Nicole as a speaker; to be handled internally without WSBA staff present on the call.

[Additional Guidance]

- WSBA offered support if issues escalate (e.g., listserv misuse).
- Sections may implement custom listserv guidelines if needed.
- Matter considered unusual and not typical of section communications.

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

- Motion to approve: Eric
- Second: Jeremy

- Outcome: Minutes approved unanimously

4) WSBA updates (Carolyn)

- Section Leaders Spring Meeting
 - Scheduled for April 7 (virtual, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
 - Attendance encouraged
- Elections Informational Session
 - Scheduled for April 8 (noon hour)
 - Volunteers requested to share leadership experience
 - Stephanie volunteered to participate

5) Board of Governors updates (Chris)

- Update provided via Carolyn in Chris's absence:
 - Board voted to join other entities in commenting against a DOJ-related proposed rule
 - Only one dissenting vote

6) Subcommittee updates

A. Student Health Law Fair

- Event scheduled for April 8, 2026 at Seattle University School of Law
- Programming: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Networking reception: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

[Key Points]

- Strong encouragement for attorney attendance, especially at reception
- Parking:
 - Reimbursable for speakers
 - EC may approve reimbursement for members using section funds
- Food: light appetizers; dietary accommodations being confirmed

B. Mini-CLE Updates

- March CLE (“Healthcare as a Human Right”) reached 600 attendees (i.e., platform capacity)
- Upcoming CLE:
 - June 16: Civil Commitment Updates
- Additional CLEs in planning:

- End-of-life presentation
- Rural healthcare CLE
- Potential multi-section half-day program
- Need identified for volunteers to assist with CLE production

C. Legislative Tracking

- No updates provided.

D. Newsletter

- No updates provided.

E. Mentorship Program

- Mentioned as ongoing alongside other initiatives; no specific updates.

F. Other

- Discussion regarding podcast opportunities:
 - WSBA currently lacks capacity to support section podcasts
 - Some sections (e.g., Family Law) operate independently
 - Further inquiry to be made

7) Next EC Term Elections Prep (Stephanie / Carolyn)

- *(Covered under WSBA updates; see above)*

Executive Session (Internal Discussion)

Following departure of WSBA staff, EC members discussed:

- Concerns about professionalism of member communication
- General consensus:
 - Do not engage further unless necessary
 - No interest in offering a platform for advocacy that is tied to ongoing litigation
 - Preference to avoid escalation and move forward
- Emphasis on:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Consistent response approach○ Objective CLE evaluation criteria○ Maintaining neutrality and professionalism
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Please note that some material in these meeting minutes was generated with help from artificial intelligence and reviewed for accuracy by Genta Iwasaki.