

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HEALTH LAW SECTION

May 2026 Full Executive Committee Meeting

Date:	May 4, 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, Anna Clavel, Bebe Vanek, Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA), Genta Iwasaki, and Sabrina Marquez
Call to Order:	12:00 PM
Adjourn:	12:43 PM
Approved on:	June 8, 2026, 12:20 pm, June 2026 Full Executive Committee Meeting
Agenda:	1) Housekeeping (Stephanie) - Student Health Law Fair feedback - Any updates since last time re Legal Lunchbox member concern? 2) Minutes approval for last month's meeting (Genta) 3) WSBA updates (Carolyn) 4) Board of Governors updates (Chris) 5) Subcommittee updates - Mini-CLE updates - Legislative tracking - Newsletter - Podcast - Mentorship program - Any other updates 6) Next EC term elections prep (Stephanie/Carolyn)
Minutes:	<u>1) Housekeeping (Stephanie)</u> Student Health Law Fair Feedback Stephanie recognized the substantial work that went into organizing the Student Health Law Fair. Attendance was estimated at approximately 25–35 participants, reflecting continued growth from prior years. Sabrina reported that the event was successful, with strong speakers and excellent student planning. She will meet with student organizers the following week to debrief and address any remaining reimbursement matters.

Stephanie noted that a treasurer update will be placed on the June agenda after all event financials are compiled.

Budget Planning for 2026–2027

Carolyn reminded the committee that the first draft of the section budget is due to WSBA in early June (approximately June 8, 2026).

Stephanie stated that she, Kate, Elena, Anna, and Genta (with Eric included for visibility) will review the proposed budget and provide a finalized recommendation at the June meeting.

Legal Lunchbox Member Concern

Eric and Stephanie drafted speaker guidelines for evaluating presentation proposals (in response to a member concern regarding Legal Lunchbox programming). The guidelines were previously circulated to several committee members, and no substantive revisions were suggested.

***Action Item:** Eric will circulate the draft speaker guidelines to the full committee for review. Final approval is anticipated at the June meeting.*

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

- Motion to approve: Eric
- Second: Bebe
- Outcome: Minutes approved unanimously

3) WSBA updates (Carolyn)

Carolyn reported the following:

- The Board of Governors met on May 1–2, 2026.
- Appointments were made to several district seats and at-large positions.
- Results will be posted on the WSBA elections webpage.
- The Section Leaders Bulletin was distributed on May 1, 2026.

4) Board of Governors updates (Chris)

(Skipped since Chris was not able to make the meeting.)

5) Subcommittee updates

Mini-CLE Updates

Eric reported:

June 16, 2026 Mini-CLE: Civil Commitment

- Speakers: Kim Mosolf (Disability Rights Washington), Eric Nelson (Washington State Attorney General's Office), and Eric Neiman.
- Planning is on schedule, and required forms have been submitted to WSBA.
- Outreach is underway to the Civil Rights, Juvenile Law, and Constitutional Law Sections, respectively, to explore co-sponsorship.

Future Programming

- Eric will renew efforts to organize the End-of-Life Decisions program. (Bebe volunteered to assist Eric with scheduling and coordination for the End-of-Life Decisions program.)
- The Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner has offered to present in August or September.
- Interest continues in a possible Rural Health mini-CLE later in the year.

Half-Day CLE Proposal

The committee discussed a potential half-day CLE on liability and regulation involving social media platforms and behavioral health chatbots, especially their effects on youths and health outcomes.

Possible topics include:

- Product liability and consumer protection
- FDA and state regulation
- Corporate practice of medicine
- Health equity and accessibility considerations

Potential collaboration with the Juvenile Law Section and other sections was discussed.

Action Item: Eric will explore possible partnerships and continue developing the concept.

Legislative Tracking

Anna reported no substantive legislative updates.

Newsletter

Stephanie and Anna plan to meet to continue work on the section newsletter.

Podcast

Anna and Stephanie will explore technology options and potential formats for future podcast development.

Scholarship Program

Sabrina reported no updates on applications. The scholarship application period remains open through June.

Stephanie encouraged members to promote the scholarship to law students and new attorneys interested in attending health law-related conferences.

Mentorship Program

Stephanie reported that approximately ten students expressed interest in mentorship during the Student Health Law Fair.

Elena is working with Megan and Shawntá to finalize documentation and procedures to launch the mentorship program.

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

Stephanie reported that election applications were due on May 4, 2026. Andrew has indicated that he would not seek reelection as an at-large member.

Stephanie noted that a professor faculty at a Washington law school may be eligible to serve as a voting member even if not licensed in Washington, provided they join the section. Carolyn confirmed this eligibility under the section bylaws.

Stephanie encouraged members to recruit interested candidates, noting that election applications require only a brief statement of interest. Elena, Stephanie, and Anna will review applications and prepare a nomination slate.

Additional Business

October 2026 Retreat Planning

	Stephanie reported that planning is underway for the October retreat. Potential venues include: • Newcastle Bar & Grill • Returning to last year's venue Stephanie is considering reserving a meeting space separately from lodging to reduce unnecessary hotel costs. Bebe noted that the last two weekends in October may be difficult due to family commitments. The committee generally agreed that earlier weekends are preferable.
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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.