

# **KENTUCKY BOARD OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

**February 13-14, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors was held at the Hilton in Lexington, Kentucky on February 13-14, 2017.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Danny L. Percell  
Morris Coffey  
Sonny Meyer  
Woodford R. Porter, Jr  
John Evans

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Kathleen Schell, Attorney  
Dale Powell, State Inspector  
Kanetha Dorsey, Executive Director  
Sara Sparks, Clerk

## **Monday, February 13, 2017**

Vice Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. in the Crimson Clover Room. Chairman Percell was not in attendance.

Sidney Fogle from FDAK reported to the Board that House Bill 208 regarding the Funeral Declaration has been revised. He also spoke about other Senate Bills that were being introduced. SB47 bill is going to require additional information to the death certificate. SB154 is to delete the requirement of in-person attendance for continued education. On June 8, 2017 the Board will meet with FDAK to review changes to the Laws and Regulations.

## **Discussion**

Mr. Porter motioned to fulfil the ADA Accommodation request of Rayla Castle's doctor to accommodate a separate area to take her exams. Mr. Evans seconded the motion and it carried 4-0 with Chairman Percell absent. On Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> she will take the Funeral Director and Laws exam. On Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> she will take the Written Embalmer exam. Both exams will be at the Board Office. Mr. Porter and Mr. Meyer will proctor the exam for Ms. Castle.

## **Exam List**

Mr. Porter motioned to approve the Exam list, Mr. Coffey seconded the motion and it carried 4-0 with Mr. Percell absent.

Meeting is recessed until 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

## **Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

Chairman Percell called the meeting back into session at 9:30 A.M. in the Crimson Clover Room.

A motion was made by Mr. Porter to approve the January minutes with corrections. Mr. Coffey seconded the motion, it carried 5-0.

### **DALE POWELL'S REPORT**

Mr. Powell submitted his report to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the Inspector's report with corrections. Mr. Porter seconded the motion, it carried 5-0.

Tammy Vessels' supervisor, Stephen Miller, shall be summoned to the March meeting to discuss the reason why he did not send a letter to the Board office when the apprentice left the establishment. Mr. Meyer motioned the letter be sent, Mr. Porter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Barr House Tributes manager, Emily Gaunce, will need to be summoned to the March meeting to regarding an unlicensed employee listed on the website as a "funeral home associate". Mr. Barr will be invited to the meeting. Mr. Porter motioned for the letter to be sent, Mr. Meyer seconded the motioned and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Percell will need to be paid for mileage from Elizabethtown to Madisonville due to working with the Inspector for an investigation per KRS 316. Mr. Meyer motioned for approval, Mr. Porter seconded and it carried 4-0.

### **LEGAL UPDATES**

Elliott Mortuary: Pre-Hearing conference is scheduled April 10, 2017.

### **COMPLAINT**

Anderson Laws & Jones Funeral Home: Meyer motioned to dismiss the complaint per 201 KAR 15:080, Mr. Porter seconded and it carried 5-0.

### **DISCUSSION**

Kent Johnson: Mr. Johnson with SCI Corporation appeared before the Board regarding pricing advertisements and seminars about Preneed. Mr. Johnson had questions about having seminars regarding Preneed that includes a free meal for attending. Counsel Schell discussed the laws as they pertained to the issue.

### **RECIPROCAL**

LaToya Henderson: Applying to take Funeral Director and Embalmer exam for a reciprocal license. She is a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer in the state of Ohio. Mr. Meyer motioned for Ms. Henderson be approved to take the exam, Mr. Evans seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

## APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE

Melissa McDaniel: Apprentice at Beshear Funeral Home in Dawson Springs, KY. During an establishment inspection, the inspector found that the apprentice's calendar was not at the location. Mr. Porter recommended a fine against the supervisor and the apprenticeship be extended by 2 months. Mr. Porter motioned the committee's recommendation be approved, Mr. Meyer seconded and it carried 4-1.

## APPRENTICES

Jeffrey Stith: Appeared before the Board with his supervisor, Tony Floro, from W.L. Pruitt Funeral Home in Hustonville, KY. He is applying for a Funeral Director apprenticeship. Mr. Meyer motioned for the apprenticeship be approved, Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0 with Mr. Porter absent.

Jacob West: Appeared before the Board with his supervisor, Crayton Ellison, from Ellison Funeral Home in Williamsburg, KY. He is applying for a Funeral Director and Embalmer apprenticeship. Mr. Evans motioned for the apprenticeship be approved, Mr. Coffey seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0 with Mr. Porter absent.

Joshua Ferguson: Appeared before the Board with his supervisor, Michael Gray, from Michael R. Gray Funeral Home in Morehead, KY. He is applying for a Funeral Director and Embalmer apprenticeship. Mr. Meyer motioned for the apprenticeship be approved, Mr. Morris seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0 with Mr. Porter absent.

Kenneth Lewis: Appeared before the Board with his supervisor, Michael Gray, from Michael R. Gray Funeral Home in Morehead, KY. He is applying for a Funeral Director and Embalmer apprenticeship. Mr. Meyer motioned for the apprenticeship be approved, Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0 with Mr. Porter absent.

Pam Moraja: Appeared before the Board with her supervisor, James Moraja Jr., from Bosley Funeral Home in Lebanon, KY. She is applying for a Funeral Director apprenticeship. Mr. Porter motioned for the apprenticeship be approved, Mr. Meyer seconded and it carried 5-0.

Donna Stephens: Appeared before the Board with her supervisor, Paige Helbert, from Pine Knot Funeral Home in Pine Knot, KY. She is applying for a Funeral Director apprenticeship. Mr. Evans motioned for the apprenticeship be approved, Mr. Coffey seconded and it carried 3-0 with Mr. Porter and Chairman Percell absent.

Mark Sewell: Appeared before the Board with his supervisor, James Strunk, from Hickman-Strunk Funeral Home in Whitley City, KY. He is applying for a Funeral Director and Embalmer apprenticeship. Mr. Coffey motioned for the apprenticeship be approved, Mr. Evans seconded and it carried 3-0 with Mr. Porter and Chairman Percell absent.

Nicholas Wilson: Appeared before the Board with his supervisor, James Strunk, from Hickman-Strunk Funeral Home in Whitley City, KY. He is applying for a Funeral Director and Embalmer apprenticeship. Mr. Evans motioned for the apprenticeship be approved, Mr. Coffey seconded the motion and it carried 3-0 with Mr. Porter and Chairman Percell absent.

### **ESTABLISHMENT**

Blackburn & Ward Funeral Home: Leigh Ann Dickerson and Billy Butcher came before the Board for an ownership change. The establishment is in Versailles, KY. Mr. Coffey motioned to approve the request and Mr. Evans seconded, and it carried 4-0 with Mr. Mr. Porter absent.

Linnemann Family Funeral Home & Cremation Center: AJ Schier and Louis Linneman came before the Board for an ownership change for the Erlanger location. Mr. Evans motioned for the change be approved, Mr. Porter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Agape Funeral & Cremation Center (Broadway): Trent Hole came before the Board for a new Full Service location in Louisville, KY. This location will be associated with Agape Funeral & Cremation Center on Dixie Hwy in Louisville, KY. Mr. Porter motioned for the new location be approved, Mr. Coffey seconded and it carried 5-0.

### **APPLICANTS WHO WERE APPROVED FOR THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAM ON MARCH 13, 2017:**

Travis Brown, Lexington; Trista Brown, Danville; Rayla Castle, Lexington; George Cloud, Danville; Jody Flemming, Central City; James Gibson, Somerset; Robert Grevious, Louisville; Cecil Johnson, Paris; Brandt Justice, Pikeville; Selena Maggard, Harlan; George Miller, Louisville; Ann Carol Moraja, Lebanon; John Morris, Owensboro; Joshua Patton, Ludlow; Jennifer Rafferty, Earlington; Marc Ray, Owensboro; Allyse Roberts, Louisville; Shelba Sharp, Louisville; Brittany Shea, Louisville; Wendy Stewart, Paducah; Isaac Williams, Danville; Sherry Young, Lancaster

**Reciprocal:** LaToya Henderson, Ohio

### **APPLICANTS WHO WERE APPROVED FOR THE EMBALMERS EXAM ON MARCH 13, 2017:**

Travis Brown, Lexington; Trista Brown, Danville; Rayla Castle, Lexington; John Combs, Erlanger; Jody Flemming, Central City; James Gibson, Somerset; Joshua Hagan, Beattyville; Brandt Justice, Pikeville; Selena Maggard, Harlan; Ann Carol Moraja, Lebanon; Jennifer Rafferty, Earlington; Allyse Roberts, Louisville; Shelba Sharp, Louisville; Brittany Shea, Louisville; Billy Taylor, Inez; Leah Tomblinson, Henderson; Brandon Weller, Lancaster

**Reciprocal:** LaToya Henderson, Ohio


### **C.E. PROGRAMS APPROVED**

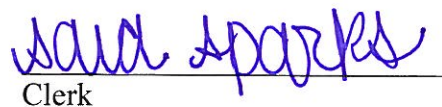
- NFDA
  - Cremation Certification Program (April 12, 2017)
  - Cremation Certification Program (May 22, 2017)

- Cremation Certification Program (April 26, 2017)
- Certified Preplanning Consultant Program (April 6, 2017)
- Certified Preplanning Consultant Program (April 12, 2017)
- Cremation Retreat 2017
- Arranger Training (May 15, 2017)
- Professional Women's Conference
- Meet the Mentors Program
- Pursuit of Excellence-Award Winning Customer Service Ideas
- Selected Independent Funeral Home
  - 2017 Spring Management Summit
- Insight Institute
  - Certified Funeral Celebrants
- Ohio Cemetery Association
  - Advanced Crematory Operations Program
- MJK Marketing
  - Unlocking the Insights: Cremation Receptions & Digital Marketing (March 20, 2017)
  - Unlocking the Insights: Cremation Receptions & Digital Marketing (February 27, 2017)
- The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Board
  - 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
- The Dodge Institute for Advanced Mortuary Studies
  - The Dodge Technical Seminar-Atlantic City
  - The Dodge Technical Seminar-Las Vegas
- FDAK
  - Part 1: The New Fiduciary Rule. Part 2: Portfolio Construction Infrastructure

**Adjourn**

Chairman Percell adjourned the meeting at 4:30 P.M. The next Board meeting will be March 14, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville, KY

  
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 Chairman

  
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 Clerk