

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

## **Meeting Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors was held at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville, Kentucky on Thursday, January 4, 2018.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Danny L. Percell  
Morris Coffey  
Sonny Meyer  
Woodford R. Porter, Jr  
H. E. "Beaver" Corder

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Kathleen Schell, Attorney  
Dale Powell, State Inspector  
Kanetha Dorsey, Executive Director  
Elise Stevenson, Clerk

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018**

Chairman Percell called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. in the Grant Room.

At 9:10 A.M. Chairman Percell swore in H.E. "Beaver" Corder as a newly appointed board member.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the December minutes with corrections. Mr. Coffey seconded; it carried 4-0. Mr. Porter was not in the room.  
Mr. Porter entered the room.

### **INSPECTION REPORT**

Mr. Powell submitted his report to the Board. Mr. Porter made a motion to approve the Inspector's report with corrections. Mr. Corder seconded; it carried 5-0.

### **LEGAL**

Stith Funeral Homes/Allison and Rose Funeral Home: Counsel Schell conferenced with the Board regarding billing by the DBL firm and status of federal court case.

Letcher Funeral Home: Counsel Schell is working on the Ms. Coni Roberts on a death Certificate issue from OH. This situation has not yet been resolved because it has been 15 years since the death and the coroner and nursing home do not have any documents regarding the death. Counsel Schell will write Letcher's attorney with some suggestions. Mr. Porter made a motion approving; Mr. Meyer seconded; it carried 5-0

Filbeck-Cann King: There is a Pre-Trial Conference is scheduled for 1/5/2018.

Cremation Society of Paducah: Counsel Schell will send out a letter to their attorney for the funeral home to cease and desist operations due to non-compliance with the KAR, specifically, the chapel is not the required size. Mr. Coffey made a motion to approve this action and then Mr. Porter seconded; it carried 5-0.

### **COMPLAINTS**

Pine Knot Funeral Home Db a McCreary Funeral Home: Counsel Schell will send a follow up letter to counsel involved in the civil litigation.

Mark Ratliffe: This matter is tabled pending civil litigation.

## **DISCUSSION**

Woodlawn Cremation & Funerals Taylorsville Road in Louisville, KY: Mark Ballard (stated he is no longer associated), Rachel Lewis (Woodlawn) and Kendra Copeland (Indiana funeral director at Spring Valley) met with the Board regarding the inspection on November 1, 2017 by Mr. Powell. The Board ordered Woodlawn to cover the sign, cut off phones, and discontinue picking up bodies and transporting them to Indiana.

Mr. Porter made a motion to go into a closed session at 11:04 Mr. Meyer seconded; it carried 5-0

The Board went back into open session at 11:12AM

Mr. Meyer left the meeting.

Mr. Corder made a motion to, issued a cease and desist and issue an administrative complaint.

Mr. Coffey seconded; it carried 4-0.

Jacob Turley: Met with the Board from Sego Funeral Home regarding the time required before he can take the exams. He will not be able to take exams in February 2018.

RG May & Sons Louisville, KY: Paul Williams did not appear. The funeral home is closed. The Board tabled this matter.

## **ESTABLISHMENT**

Drake Whaley McCarty Funeral Home Cynthiana, KY: Dale Powell inspected the location for approval as a new full service establishment License #1130. Mr. Coffey made a motion to approved, Mr. Porter seconded; it carried 4-0.

Janazah Funeral Home Lexington, KY: Dale Powell inspected the location at the direction of the board. There continue to be issues with the establishment. The Board has tabled this matter the license has not been issued.

## **RECIPROCAL**

Mr. Meyer returns

Cody Bell: licensed as a funeral director and embalmer in Tennessee. He met with the Board to apply as dual to take the exam for licenses. Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve, Mr. Porter seconded; it carried 5-0.

Keith Wilson: licensed as a funeral director and embalmer in Florida. He met with the Board to apply as dual to take the exam for licenses. Mr. Coffey made a motion to approve, Mr. Meyer seconded; it carried 5-0.

Mariah Kirk: licensed as a funeral director and embalmer in Ohio. She met with the Board to apply as dual to take the exam for licenses. Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve, Mr. Corder seconded; it carried 5-0.

## **APPRENTICESHIP**

Dakota Bentley, Nelson Frazier Funeral Home Martin, KY: appeared before the Board with his supervisor, Jeremiah Swiger. He is applying for a dual apprenticeship. Mr. Coffey made a motion for approval of the apprenticeship, Mr. Porter seconded; it carried 5-0.

Angela Crum, Crum Funeral Home Inez, KY: Appeared before the Board with her supervisor, Michael Crum. She is applying for a dual apprenticeship. Mr. Porter made a motion for approval of the apprenticeship, Mr. Corder seconded; it carried 5-0.

**APPLICANTS APPROVED FOR THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAM ON  
FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

Cody Cooper, Williamsburg; Jessica Faulkner, Clay City; Gwendolyn Mason, Madison; Leigh Matchison, Erlanger; Noah Meyers, Winchester; Robert Murphy, Middleburg; Celia Peters, Marengo; William Reardon, Richmond; Rhonda Riley, Carrollton; Ronnie Spears, Steel; Cody Bell, Tennessee; Janus Vilardo, California; Keith Wilson, Florida; Meriah Kirk, Ohio.

**APPLICANTS APPROVED FOR THE EMBALMERS EXAM IN FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

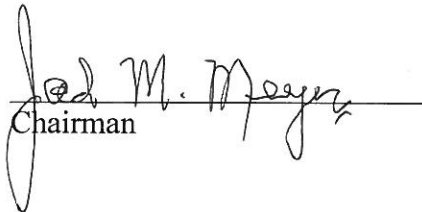
Meredith Kaucher, Covington; Leigh Matchison, Erlanger; Noah Meyers, Winchester; Trevor Skaggs, Hodgenville; Cody Bell, Tennessee; Keith Wilson, Florida; Meriah Kirk, Ohio.

**C.E. PROGRAMS APPROVED**

1. Funeral Directors Association of Falls Cities, Update on Jefferson County Coroner Policies and Procedures
  - Contact Info: Grant F. Embry, 502-635-6371
2. FDAK, 2018 Mid- Winter Conference
  - Contact Info: Kim House, 502-223-0622
3. Cremation Association of North America, CANA's Crematory Operations Certification Program

**Adjourn**

Chairman Percell adjourned the meeting at 4:45 P.M. The next Board meeting will be February 5-6, 2018 at the Hilton-Downtown in Lexington, KY.

  
Chairman

  
Clerk