

**Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors
December 14, 2021 Board Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT

James "Hap" Strunk, Chair
Jonathan Rideout, Vice
Greg Lakes
Danny Percell
Ronnie Raymond

OTHERS PRESENT

Julie Peoples, Administrative Assistant
John Blevins, Attorney at Law

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 @ UofL ShelbyHurst Campus, Louisville KY

Chairman, Strunk called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Mr. Raymond made a motion to approve November 9, 2021 Minutes. Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0.

Apprenticeship Committee Lakes/Rideout

Approved Apprenticeship Applicants:

Dual:

- Sarah J. Burchell with Nelson Funeral Home, supervisor Roger Nelson
- Dean A. Canler with Gilbert Funeral Home, supervisors Kevin & Kimberly Gilbert
- Nathan A. Coomes with Glenn Funeral Home, supervisor Mark Ray
- Joseph Gilbert with Gilbert Funeral Home, supervisors Kevin & Kimberly Gilbert
- Lauren Nicholson with Davis & Powell Funeral Home, supervisor Gregory Powell
- Aaron Pack with Shannon Funeral Home, supervisor John Shannon
- Stephanie Slone with Crum Funeral Home, supervisor Michael Crum

Funeral Director only:

- Cody L. Bush with Herald & Stewart Funeral Home, supervisor Jake Harvey

Mr. Lakes made a motion to approve all apprentices, Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0.

Approved Examinees for February:

- Doyle Gibson, Barbourville Funeral Home (FD only)
- Jordan Gibson, Thacker Memorial Funeral Home (Dual)
- Haley Greene, T.I.E.S. (Dual)

- Kevin Hendrickson, Ellison Funeral Home (FD only)
- Tessa K. Hunt, Morton-Hunt Family Funeral Home (FD only)
- Michael Moore, Steen Funeral Home (FD only)
- Teresa Payton, Chambers & Grubbs Funeral Home (Dual)
- Kourtney M Tyra, Lakes Funeral Home (Dual)

Reciprocal Application Approved:

- James A. Waggoner, Licensed Funeral Director/Embalmer in the state of FL.

Mr. Percell made a motion to approve all applications for licensure including reciprocal application, Mr. Lakes seconded. It carried 5-0.

Request to Discuss Apprenticeship Possibility:

- Dr. Robin Hyden and Mr. Jeremy Hyden with Jones-Preston Funeral Home inquiring about the possibility for Dr. Hyden to begin and serve her apprenticeship, considering that she has a full-time remote job. After talking to Dr. Hyden and Mr. Hyden the board have decided that Dr. Hyden will be able to start her apprenticeship after all paperwork is submitted to the board office for review and approval by the board.

Questions Answered:

- Mr. David Bell from Owensboro, KY raised a question about the possibility for existing apprentices to apply for transportation and removal permit. It was explained that existing apprentices are not eligible for transportation permit simply because it bypasses the apprenticeship structure system and defeats the purpose of the Level II apprenticeship.
- Mr. John Shannon raised a question about 40 hour/week rule and if it can be averaged based on the needs of a funeral home. After discussion, it was suggested that the issue should be revisited and a possibility of amending the verbatim of the regulation should be considered for clarification purposes.
- Mr. Waggoner asked if as an approved reciprocal applicant, he could have a temporary license issued. It was explained that Kentucky does not issue temporarily licenses, and the test(s) must be taken, and license(s) granted in order to operate as a licensed individual.

Establishments:

- **Cremation Society of Paducah** – the Board approved the establishment application, pending inspection. Mr. Rideout made a motion to approve without charging the new establishment fee, since it was already an existing establishment. Mr. Raymond seconded. It carried 5-0.
- **Evans Monuments & Family Cremation Care** – the issue is not resolved despite the fact that the establishment license was turned in and Mr. Ratterman stated that he is no longer involved. The signage is still showing “cremations” and the funeral merchandise is offered at the facility for purchase, which requires a license. Mr. Percell made a motion to contact the Jefferson Co. Attorney’s office to address the violation of KRS 316.125, Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0.
- **Tucker, Yocum & Wilson Funeral Home** – Mr. & Mrs. Wilson have sold the existing establishment to Mr. William Butcher & Mrs. Leigh Ann Dickerson-Lewis. The establishment was inspected by Mr. Strunk on December 2, 2021. Mr. Percell made a motion to approve new establishment application, Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0.

Medical Exemption/70 & Inactive

- Medical exemption granted to Ms. Lila McDaniels # 5950 for 2020-2022 period
- 70 & Inactive status granted to Mr. Thomas Weeler # 4170.

Mr. Strunk made a motion to approve applicants, Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0.

The board voted to go into executive session at 10:25 a.m. Mr. Percell/Mr. Rideout. 5-0.

Outcomes of Executive Session:

Legal Updates:

- C.21.014/Kostreba v. Franklin FH – dismissed Mr. Percell/Mr. Rideout. 5-0.
- C. 21.015/Cochran v. Webb FH – dismissed Mr. Lakes/Mr. Percell. 5-0.
- C.21.016/Royalty v. Alexander & Royalty FH – dismissed Mr. Rideout/Mr. Percell. 5-0.
- C.21.017/McCarty v. Ratterman & Sons FH – tabled for the next meeting
- C.21.018/Johnson v. Spring Valley FH – tabled for the next meeting
- C.21.013/Morefield v. Witt FH – tabled for the next meeting
- C.21.012/Fall City v. Spring Valley FH – ?

Mr. John Blevins submitted his resignation from the role of the counselor for the board due to necessity of going through the required by state procurement process and bid submission for consideration. He will submit his bid once the new contract is initiated. The Board accepted Mr.

Blevins' resignation. Mr. Rideout made a motion to accept the resignation, Mr. Lakes seconded. It carried 5-0.

Ms. Julie Pavlova-Peoples was given the authority to initiate the procurement process and create a new contract to hire a new attorney for the Board.

Additional Discussions:

The Board has discussed a need for an additional meeting to be scheduled after Christmas to discuss the February meeting proposal for LRC, the office staff hiring procedures and additional pending issues.

Ms. Julie Pavlova-Peoples raised concern about growing amount of unprocessed paperwork at the office and the need of having a temp hired until all the positions at the office fulfilled. Mr. Percell made a motion to give Ms. Pavlova-Peoples the authority to hire a temp for the office needs, Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0.

Cost of plastic ID cards for licensees was discussed, a \$10 fee was proposed for an optional picture ID upon request.

Chairman Strunk adjourned the meeting at 12: 15 p.m. The next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 40 Chenault Rd, Frankfort, KY 40601. Zoom option will be available.