

**Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors
February 1, 2022 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

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 @ 369 W. Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507

Chairman, Strunk called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

Mr. Percell made a motion to approve January 11, 2022 minutes. Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0.

Mr. Percell made a motion to invite Mr. Langston Gaither (apprentice approved 1/11/22) and his supervisor Mr. Brownfield and Mr. Grayson to next Board meeting to clarify the funeral directing responsibilities and expectations. Mr. Raymond seconded. It carried 5-0.

Apprenticeship Committee Lakes/Rideout

Mr. Lakes addressed apprenticeship applicants.

Mr. Rideout addressed apprentice's supervisors.

Mr. Percell made a motion to approve listed apprentices to begin their apprenticeship on February 1, 2022. Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0.

Approved Apprenticeship Applicants:

Dual:

- Luke A. Brewer, Michael R. Gray FH/Michael Gray
- Megan Gilliam Lyons, W.L. Pruitt FH/Tony Floro
- Nelson C. Oxford, Whitsell Funeral Home/John Whitsell
- Edward Spurlock, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home/Seth Bentley
- Jordan Whitehead, Lakes Funeral Home/Conley Tyra

Funeral Director only:

- Stanley Price, Morris & Hislope Funeral Home/Quintin McGinnis

- Amanda Berrious, Morris & Hislope FH/Quintin McGinnis
- Christopher Dobbs, Campbell-New FH/Mark C. New

Mr. Lakes made a motion to approve listed applicants to take the test in April. Mr. Percell seconded. It carried 5-0.

Approved Examinees for April Testing:

- Zachary Carey, Walker Funeral Home (FD only)
- Hunter Johnson, Lusk-McFarland FH (FD only)
- Tucker Fletcher, J.C. Kirby Funeral (FD only)

At 10:13 A.M. Mr. Percell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss:

- Spring Valley Funeral Home
- Inspections
- PNC Account
- Halo Cremations

Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0.

At 1:30 P.M. Mr. Percell made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Rideout seconded. 5-0

The Board took a brief break.

At 1:42 P.M. Mr. Strunk made a motion to go back into executive session to discuss pending litigations. Mr. Rideout seconded. 5-0

The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:12 P.M. Mr. Raymond made a motion, Mr. Rideout seconded. 5-0

Legal Updates:

- C.21.021 Harris v. Grubbs/Chambers & Grubbs FH – Dismissed
- C.21.017 McCarty v. Ratterman & Sons FH – Dismissed
- C.21.023 Cupit v. Nelson-Edelen-Bennett FH – Dismissed (Mr. Percell abstained)
- C.21.012 Fall City v. Spring Valley FH – dismissed
- C.21.020 Barnett v. Pecell – dismissed
- C. 21.019 Whitney Rowe v. Roberts/Community FH (awaiting response)
- C. 21.018 Johnson v. Spring Valley FH (continues)

Mr. Lakes made a motion on legal updates. Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0 with an exception on Cupit v. Nelson-Edelen-Bennett with Mr. Percell abstaining.

Mr. Lakes made a motion to allow the apprentices Darlene Oxendine and Kennedy Reid to test with the condition that the apprentices will complete the final sworn statement/book report to comply with 201 KAR 150:050 Section 5 and Apprenticeship Contract. Mr. Rideout seconded. It carried 5-0.

New Business:

Mr. Lakes made a motion to allow for current Continuing Education Cycle be completed online for required 12 hours. Mr. Rideout seconded. 5-0

The board will call an additional board meeting to continue review of suggested amendments to regulations.

Chairman Strunk adjourned the meeting at 2: 15 p.m. The next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Frankfort, KY.