

Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors
January 2023 Meeting
Hilton Lexington Downtown
Lexington, KY

Monday, January 16, 2023

Present:

Jonathan Rideout, Chairman

Danny Percell

Robert Garner

Ronald Raymond, Consumer Representative

John Blevins, Board Attorney

Kanetha Dorsey, Executive Director

Chairman Rideout called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m.

Chairman Rideout addressed the board regarding hiring an inspector. Chairman Rideout appointed Robert Garner and Ronald Raymond to review the applications and schedule interviews for the entire board with the best applicants. During discussions the board agreed that 3 to 5 candidates should be interviewed but not formal number was settled on and the committee of Mr. Garner and Mr. Raymond would go through the applicants.

Discussions were then held regarding Administrative Regulations relating to Apprentices and the charges given to Apprentices and Supervisors.

Mr. Raymond made a motion for the meeting to recess that was seconded by Mr. Garner the motion passed 4-0.

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Present:

Jonathan Rideout, Chairman

Danny Percell

Robert Garner

Ronald Raymond, Consumer Representative

John Blevins, Board Attorney

Kanetha Dorsey, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m. by Chairman Rideout.

A motion was made by Mr. Percell to approve the December minutes that was seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 4-0.

Apprenticeship Applications- Mr. Garner and Chairman Rideout charged the applicants and supervisors, prior to the vote approving the applications.

The following applications were approved after a motion by Mr. Percell; Mr. Raymond seconded. It carried 4-0.

Dual:

- Kimberly Lawson

Funeral Director only:

- Tomeka Kendrick
- David Koon

Embalmer Only:

- David Gulley

Apprentice Committee:

Discussions regarding violations found with Leslie Dettmer from TIES funeral home. Ms. Dettmer was present with her supervisor. After discussions the board decided to take no action with Ms. Dettmer.

Discussions regarding violations of a prior probation agreement with Melinda Henson of Engle Bowling Funeral home were discussed. Ms. Henson was present with her supervisor. After discussions Mr. Raymond made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Percell to resolve the matter. By a 4-0 vote the board approved to enter into a written agreement with Ms. Henson, the terms of the agreement resolving the violations are as follows:

- (1) The Respondent, Melinda Henson's shall remain on probation until her FBI background check is turned in, the background check will be ordered after January 7, 2026.
- (2) Melinda Henson will notify the board in writing if she is charged with any felonies or misdemeanors within fifteen (15) days of learning that she has been charged with a crime.
- (3) During the probation period if Ms. Henson has any criminal convictions, she shall be subject to the automatic end of her apprenticeship or revocation of her license if she has obtained a license.
- (4) If routine inspections or complaints are filed that show a violation of any laws or regulations relating to the funeral industry, she will be subject to automatic end of her apprenticeship

Establishments

A motion was made by Mr. Percell for the board to do inspections again until a full-time inspector is hired, this motion seconded by Mr. Garner and passed 4-0.

Requests

Kevin Barnard sent a written request for an extension of time to his Level II apprenticeship. No action was taken because he did not need an extension to continue as an embalming apprentice at this time.

Bridgette Dennison sent a written request for an extension of time to her Level II apprenticeship. Mr. Percell made a motion to deny the extension because there was no good cause shown or extenuating circumstances shown. Motion was seconded by Mr. Graner and passed 4-0.

Howard Stikes-had questions about reciprocity. The board reviewed his application and explained to him the need to provide the Board with a copy of a current Missouri license and test in February and after that he will be licensed.

Crematory Authority- No current bill filed on the issue.

Surface Transportation Permit/Renewal Review on Surface Transport Renewals-if the application for renewal is made after the permit has expired the applicant shall retake the class.

The board discussed questions on the current licensing exam that needed to be changed. Motion to replace test questions 2 and 16 on the Funeral Directors Examination was made by Mr. Garner seconded by Mr. Raymond and passed 4-0.

Inspector Committee-discussions were had on talking to apprentices and supervisors during inspections to ensure the apprentice is learning the required concepts.

Alkaline Hydrolysis-the office has received calls on requests for the board to consider disposition with Alkaline Hydrolysis; the board took no action deciding this is a legislative measure.

Administrative Regulations- Definitions Regulation were discussed this meeting in preparation for proposing new regulations.

Searcy and Strong Funeral Home had both owners passed away and they have been conducting funerals since the last owner died. Mr. Raymond notified them on January 10 that they have 90 days to find licensed funeral director and embalmer per 201 KAR 15:110 Section 7(4)(a).

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Garner seconded by Mr. Percell motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55p.m.

Jonathan Rideout
Jonathan Rideout, Chairman