

Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors  
January 9, 2024

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Louisville, KY Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors

**PRESENT:** Jonathan Rideout, Chairman  
Jack "Sonny" Meyer, Vice Chair  
Danny Percell  
Robert Garner  
Ronald Raymond, Consumer Representative  
John Blevins, Board Attorney  
Danielle Jeffries-Webb, Inspector  
Kanetha Dorsey, Executive Director

Meeting was called to Order by Mr. Rideout at 10:00a.m..

**Tuesday, JANUARY 9, 2024**

**Call to Order**

Approve Minutes-December 12-13, 2023

Minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Meyer. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Percell abstained because he was absent for December meeting.

**Apprenticeship**

The following apprentices were approved provisionally upon receipt of clean FBI background checks made by Mr. Meyer seconded by Mr. Percell, motion carried 5-0:

**Dual:**

Carson Jessie/Jeff Jessie—Stotts Phelps McQueary Funeral Home

**Funeral Director Only:**

Dennis Rowe/Terry Wilson—Jessie-Wilson Funeral Home

Michael Steele/Gregory Woodruff—Lindsey Funeral Home

The following Apprenticeships were approved on a motion by Mr. Meyer seconded by Mr. Percell, the motion carried 5-0:

**Dual:**

Dylan Gambill/Joshua Raymer and Ashlee Schaf—Arch L. Heady at Resthaven

Maggie Nelson/Roger Nelson—Nelson Frazier Funeral Home

**Funeral Director Only**

Eric Smith/Omer Cowherd—Smith & Smith Funeral Home  
Joshua Steele/Mark New—Norris & New Funeral Home

The above apprentices from both motions were charged by Inspector Danielle Webb.

The following change in supervisors was approved on a motion of Mr. Percell, seconded by Mr. Raymond and carried 5-0:

**Change of Supervisor:**

Carly Manning/Dennis McWhorter—Butler Funeral Home  
Emily Manning/Shelby Evans—A.F. Crow & Son Funeral Home  
Robert Daniel/Shannon Combs—Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home

**Inspection Report-** Danielle Webb presented her attached inspector Report.

**Apprenticeship Committee**

- Kristen Crafton/Patrick Crafton—Crafton Funeral Home.  
Motion to open a complaint by Mr. Percell seconded by Mr. Meyer based on findings of the Inspector. Motion Carried 5-0.  
Mr. Percell moved to offer a settlement of 60 days additional time to apprenticeship and a supervisor fine of \$250.00, motion was seconded by Mr. Meyer. Motion carried 5-0.
- Joseph Gilbert/Kevin Gilbert—Gilbert Funeral Home and Crematory  
Motion to initiate Complaint against Mr. Joseph Gilbert and Mr. Kevin Gilbert related to things found by inspector. Motion was made by Mr. Percell seconded by Mr. Garner and carried 5-0.  
Motion was made to resolve the complaint with a fine to the supervisor Kevin Gilbert \$2,500.00 and add 18 months to Joseph Gilbert's apprenticeship. Motion was made by Mr. Percell, seconded by Mr. Raymond and motion carried 5-0.

Board discussed the inspection of Heritage Funeral Home and work that needed done. Motion was made by Mr. Garner for the Funeral Home to be in complete compliance within ninety (90) days, seconded by Mr. Meyer. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Percell abstained because of close relationship with parties.

**Establishments**

Tony Ratterman- came to the meeting and asked to address the Board. He discussed some issues relating to his affiliation or lack thereof with Anthony Oxendine and discussed issues from funerals that occurred in December, 2023. No action taken.

### **Office Report**

Office Report- Executive Director Dorsey updated the board on audits of old files and getting the audits completed. Director Dorsey also discussed the upcoming budget projects and her communications with the Governors office.

Motion was made by Mr. Meyer that transport classes only be offered on testing months, seconded by Mr. Garner and passed 5-0.

### **Exemptions and Requests:**

Trinity Plunk has been deployed to Poland with the military and she was terminated. Her apprenticeship was put in abeyance.

Jordan Cox—Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates came to address the board and requested to discuss transportation of deceased individuals.

### **Reinstatement**

Howard Fain/Hager & Cundiff Funeral Home—has not renewed since 2017, owes 36 CE's from 2018 to 2022; Motion by Mr. Percell and seconded by Mr. Garner that he pay the current year fees, late fees, and take the laws exam. Motion passed 5-0.

Steven Johns/Kirby Funeral Home—no action taken unable to attend.

### **February Licensure Applications:**

#### **Funeral Director Only**

Christopher Dyer—Owen Funeral Home\*missing 2<sup>nd</sup> signature page

Rodney McFarland, Jr—Reciprocal\*missing FBI report

#### **Embalmer Only**

William Chase Harrod—Harrod Brothers Funeral Home

#### **Dual**

Roben Kyle Baier—Malone Funeral Home

Jared Bruno—Reciprocal

Nathaniel Davis—Michael R. Gray Funeral Home

Robert Lytle Dominguez—Reciprocal

Gracie Fulkerson—Cowherd & Parrott Funeral Home

Jeffrey Giles Glasscock-Kentucky Mortuary Service

Richard Jerkins—Reciprocal\*missing FBI background check

Aaron Loftis—Reciprocal

Zaide-Jade Pinson—Bartley & Sons Funeral Home

### **Legal**

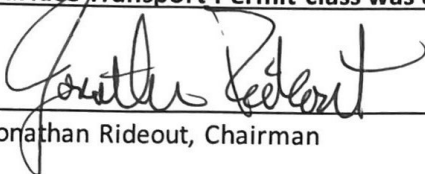
B.231214.01 Duane Manakee—Manakee Funeral Home—discussions were held on licensure status and manager statuses for facility. No action taken.

A.231114.02 Board v Brooks Funeral Home-addressed the board and entered into agreed order to satisfy complaint. Members from Brooks Funeral Home brought and presented complaints of similar information to the board which was received

B.231114.01 Board v. Anthony Pierce—review court orders before February Meeting to advise board of status of his criminal charges.

Motion to add the attached fine schedule for calendar violations to the apprenticeship administrative regulation was made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Percell. Motion passed 5-0.

**Surface Transport Permit class was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 4:30p.m.**

 2/13/24  
Jonathan Rideout, Chairman Date

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