

Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors
Regular Board Meeting
KODA
10301 Linn Station Road
Louisville, KY
October 8, 2024

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Present: Jonathan Rideout, Chairman
Sonny Meyer, Vice-Chairman
Robert Garner
Ronald Raymond
Roth Mason
Kanetha Dorsey, Executive Director
Danielle Webb, Inspector
John Blevins, General Counsel
Rose Twiford, Executive Assistant

Arrived during meeting: None

Left Early: Robert Garner excused himself from the meeting at
11:30a.m.

Call to Order- The meeting was called to Order at 10:00a.m. by Chairman Jonathan Rideout.

Board observed a moment of silence for the hurricane victims in the United States from Hurricane Helene and the anticipated victims of Hurricane Milton.

After discussion and corrections were made, a motion was made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Mason to approve the September 2024 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Applications Update: Discussion was held regarding background checks for applicants. Findings on checks for two applicants were discussed.

APPRENTICESHIPS:

Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the below listed apprenticeships and supervisor changes of the following applicants, motion was seconded by Mr. Mason, the motion carried 5-0:

Dual:

Jesse Currens/Brian Ritchie-5001—Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home
Jeremy Glaab/Jerry Gardner-4690—Sego Funeral Home
William Green/Denver Bailey-3958—Bailey Funeral Home
Christopher Sheridan/Ashley Close Schaff-7023—Evergreen Funeral Home
Nicholas Thomas/Stephanie Vanover-5593—Johnson Funeral Home
Latasha Walker/Shannon Lee-7351—T.I.E.S.

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Kyle Poe/Michael Hegge-7138—Connley Brothers Funeral Home
Theresa Valentin/Amanda Miles-7339—T.I.E.S.

Change of Supervisor

Ashley Bainbridge/Robert Garner—Floral Hills Funeral Home
Jillian French/Robert Garner—Floral Hills Funeral Home

The apprentice applicants and supervisors were charged by Inspector, Danielle Webb.

The board met with Mr. Johnson and his supervisor to approve the apprenticeship of Lamar Johnson with Douglas Yeary of T.I.E.S. to supervise-7017—T.I.E.S., motion was made by Mr. Raymond to approve the apprenticeship and seconded by Mr. Mason, motion carried 5-0.

Establishments

Cloverport Funeral Home/Steve Miller- Issues were addressed with Steve Miller about operating through an Indiana Funeral Home in Kentucky.

Mr. Garner had to leave the meeting at 11:30a.m.

Butler Funeral Home—Larry Wilson-Motion was made to approve a new establishment Full Service License for Butler Funeral Home, motion by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion carried 4-0.

Shannon Funeral Home—John Shannon and Aaron Pack appeared before the board regarding issues with the apprentice calendar. The apprenticeship was extended until February and supervisor pay to \$2,500 fine. Agreed order provide, apprentice can test in February 2025 and must keep the calendar until February testing and he will provide copies of the correct and completed calendar from October meeting until February test date to the board. Motion by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 4-0.

G. C. Williams Funeral Home-Cynthia Baker, Motion to approve license was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried 4-0.

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

Clayton Church- Motion to approve the medical exemption made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion passed 4-0.

DECEMBER LICENSURE EXAM APPLICATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Raymond to allow the following exam applicants to take the December exam:

Dual

Brittany Gollihue—Milward Funeral Directors
Karla Phillips—Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home
Kendra Sill-Reciprocal

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Wesley Manning—Rominger Funeral Home
Donald Kiser—Globe Funeral Chapel

OFFICE UPDATE

Executive Director Dorsey addressed the board regarding concerns expressed during the September 2024 meeting going over things that had been done since her return to bring the office up to date. Her update involved difficult choices she made while the office was understaffed.

Executive Director Dorsey went to Indianapolis and recovered approximately 700 files that were Kentucky files from a closed Kentucky Funeral Home. Executive Director Dorsey discussed creating an inventory of these files so that we knew what all was there and that all the proper paperwork existed. She sought feedback from board members about items to be documented from the files.

INSPECTOR REPORT

Inspector Danielle Webb presented her report, a motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Raymond to accept her report. Motion carried 4-0.

LEGAL

E.240807.01- Motion to dismiss this complaint Mr. Raymond, seconded Mr. Mason, motion carried 4-0.

B.240628.01- Board will work to serve the complaints.

Meeting recessed at 1:50 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday October 9, 2024 for testing.

Licensure examinations for funeral director and embalmer licensing was administered by the Board members.

Transport class was administered.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm on the motion of Mr. Raymond seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried 5-0.

Jonathan Pickett
Chairman

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