

Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors

REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Board Members and Staff Present

Jonathan Rideout, Chair
Jack "Sonny" Meyer, Vice Chair
Robert Garner, Member
Ronald Raymond, Vice Chair
John Blevins, Attorney
Kanetha Dorsey, Executive Director
Danielle Webb, Inspector

Board Members Absent

Roth Mason, Member

Present

10:00 Call to Order

Approve Minutes-June 2025 Raymond/Sonny with one change 4-0

A moment of silence was held for victims of Texas floods and fellow funeral directors and embalmers working in Texas.

10:15

Apprenticeship

Funeral Director Only

Douglas Coyle/John Sennhenn—Connley Brothers Funeral Home, Covington
Bryan Holmes/Michael Harvey—Booneville Funeral Home, Booneville
Greg McClain/Evan Grisell—Vankirk-Grisell Funeral Home, Corbin

Dual

Adam Decker/Daniel Dermitt, Beverly Stevenson—Dermitt Funeral Home, Leitchfield
Abigail Pittman/Curt Demrow—McKinney Brown Funeral Home, Liberty
Zachary Steely/J. Andrew Croley, A William Steely—Williamsburg

Mr. Raymond made a motion to approve the above apprentices; Mr. Meyer seconded, the motion carried 4-0.

10:45 Applicants for August Licensure

Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the following applicants for licensure. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garner. The motion carried 4-0.

Dual

Lauryn Bollinger—Bruington Jenkins Sturgeon Funeral Home

Haylea Carl—IN Reciprocal

Kathryn Dobbins—OH Reciprocal

Jodi Keith—MI Reciprocal

Jaidyn Turner—TX Reciprocal

Mr. Meyer made a motion to not approve the following applicant due to an incomplete application, the application can be presented upon completion of the application. Mr. Garner seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Meyer made a motion that all applications and payments must be in the office and complete prior to being presented to the Board. Mr. Raymond seconded, the motion carried 4-0.

11:00 Exemptions and Paper Requests:

Medical Exemptions

Brian Louder-5218

John S. Walker-5712-In Class exemption accepted, must attend 6 hours of live interactive webinars

70 & Inactive

Hillard Newsome—5825

Mr. Garner made a motion to approve the exemptions and letters must be sent to the establishment of any 70 and Inactive applicant that lists their establishment on the application, Mr. Meyer seconded the motion, it carried 4-0.

11:15 Inspector's Report

Mr. Garner made a motion to accept the inspector's report, Mr. Raymond seconded, the motion carried 4-0.

Lunch

12:30 New Business

Office Update:

Ms. Dorsey provided the office business update which included the following:

Dobbling, Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Homes, Newport license # 746 is closed

Sworn Statement Follow up—only one apprentice is currently missing their Sworn Statement. The supervisor was contacted and the office was informed that the apprentice was ill. The supervisor was informed to request a hold per 201 KAR 15:050.
Question of the month: Why do we regulate this profession.

12:45: In Person Requests

Establishments

Erin Bevins appeared before the Board regarding the purchase of Palmer Funeral Home in May's Lick. Palmer Funeral Home is affiliated with Boone-Nickell Funeral Home in Flemingsburg. Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the visitation/ceremonial establishment license, Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Raymond, it carried 4-0.

Sidney Fogle/FDAK—Mr. Fogle appeared before the Board to discuss issues with donation, an insurance company going door to door to sell life insurance and potentially scamming people by belittling the funeral home industry, delayed death certificates from vital statistics.

Jakob Beckley appeared before the Board regarding the purchase of Beckley Funeral Home in Pleasureville. Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the full-service establishment license for Beckley Funeral Home, Mr. Garner seconded, it carried 4-0.

Ashley Ernst appeared before the Board regarding the purchase of Derby City Mortuary in Louisville. Mr. Garner made a motion to approve the embalming establishment license of Derby City Mortuary, Mr. Meyer seconded, it carried 4-0.

Gene Goodman—Barbourville Funeral Home, Barbourville—Gene and Shannon Goodman appeared before the Board to discuss plans for purchasing the funeral home. All fine payments must be completed before transfer of ownership can be completed. Shannon Goodman asked questions about cremains and preneed planning, as well as continuing education update.

Apprenticeship

Louis Rogers—Mr. Rogers appeared before the board to discuss issues with apprenticeship. Mr. Rogers' apprenticeship was extended 4 additional months.

Executive Session-Legal

George Miller—Mr. Raymond made a motion to authorize John Blevins deliver a letter and agreed order, Mr. Meyer seconded, the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Garner requested to into executive session at 2:04 pm to per KRS 61.810 (1) (c). The Board came out of executive session at 2:44 p.m. with no action taken.

Mr. Blevins will contact Mr. Steven Miller prior to the next board meeting.

Active

I.060625.01 Mr. Garner made a motion to dismiss, Mr. Meyer seconded, the motion carried 4-0.

E.250605.01 Mr. Garner made a motion to dismiss, Mr. Meyer seconded, the motion carried 4-0

B. 240913.01 Mr. Garner made a motion to fine the license holder \$5000 due by July 15, 2025; the establishment shall be subject to quarterly inspections for the next two years and be responsible for all inspection fees. No suspension.

Pending

B.231212.01

E.240419.01

B.241112.01

Mr. Garner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 pm, Mr. Raymond seconded, the motion carried 4-0.

Chairman


