

Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors

Location: Kentucky Board of Board of Nursing, 312 Whittington PKWY #300, Louisville, KY 40222
Present:
Jonathan Rideout, Chairman
Jack "Sonny" Meyer, Vice-Chairman
Robert Garner, member
Ronald Raymond, Member
Roth Mason, Member
Kanetha Dorsey, Executive Director
Danielle Webb, Inspector
John Blevins, General Counsel

Left During Meeting: Jack "Sonny" Meyer 1:16p.m. on Tuesday December 9, 2025

Arrived during meeting: None

Absent: Jack "Sonny" Meyer was absent on Wednesday December 10, 2025.

REGULAR MEETING

Louisville, Kentucky

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Chairman Rideout called the meeting to Order at 10:00a.m. with all members present.

A motion to approve the Minutes for November 2025 was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried 5-0.

Inspector's Report

Inspector Danielle Webb presented her monthly report.

Inspector Webb's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 5-0.

Establishment

Motion to approve the license The Barbourville Funeral Home, Manager: Milford E. Goodman, Full-Service, Barbourville on the condition of a successful inspection to be conducted by Inspector Danielle Webb was made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Garner. Motion carried 5-0.

Advantage Funeral Home, Scott Hagerman—apprenticeship removal issue. The board discussed the issues of removals with them related to apprentices and the issues and plan were resolved at this time with no action taken.

Executive Session-Legal

Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j) made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion carried 5-0. Entered into Executive Session at 11:02a.m.

Motion to return to open session was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried 5-0. Returned to open session at 11:15a.m. with no action taken.

No action taken during Executive Session.

Motion to approve the presented agreed order in case B.250909.02 was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Background check review process was discussed by Executive Director Dorsey with no action taken.

2026 Calendar- Upon a motion of Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Mason the board adopted the attached 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule by a 5-0 vote.

Question of the Month-Board held discussions related to a future code of ethics, and discussion on if license holders should have a stricter code for license holders over apprentices. Board liked the idea of one code.

Review of Code of Ethics Information—Board Attorney John Blevins talked about Codes of Ethics from various states including South Carolina and Virginia as examples.

Apprenticeship Update was given by Executive Director Dorsey. Board was going to speak to apprentices with missing sworn statements at the January meeting.

Executive Director Dorsey provided an update on the day-to-day operations of the office to the Board specifically the state of the budget for the Office heading into January of 2026.

Executive Director Dorsey read a proposed welcome letter to be given at a conference for the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards meeting being hosted in Kentucky in 2026.

Paper Request

Motion to approve the 70 and Inactive request of Irene McCracken—5026 made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Raymond motion carried 5-0.

Examinations

Motion to approve the below exam applicants for February 2026 was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 5-0.

Dual

Shannon Dossey--Reciprocal

Taylor Scott (Baranowski)—Barnett Strother Funeral Home

Funeral Director

Brittany Doyle—R.E. Rogers Funeral Home
Kelly Brown McEuen—Tucker, Yocom, Wilson Funeral Home
Kailey Roberts—Barnett Strother Funeral Home
Paul Royster—Morton Hunt Funeral Home
Brian Schreck—Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home
Samantha Saunders White—Brell & Son Funeral Home

Jack "Sonny" Meyers left

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. Raymond nominated Jonathan Rideout for Chairman and moved that further nominations cease. That motion was seconded by Mr. Mason and carried 3-0. Mr. Rideout was elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

All present Board Members Ordered that the Chairman should appoint his Vice-Chairman and no election should be held for Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Rideout in consultation with Board appointed Roth Mason as Vice-Chairman.

Apprenticeship

After Inspector Webb charged the below apprentices and supervisors a motion to approve the below apprenticeships and supervisors as well as supervisor changes was made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Mason, motion carried 4-0.

Funeral Director Only

Brandon Azbill/Evan R. Grisell—Vankirk-Grisell Funeral Home, Corbin
Brendan Coots/Aaron Cain—Bernard Funeral Home, Russell Springs
Destinee Davis/Tim Grayson—Grayson Funeral Home, Clay City
Andrew Fulton/Rolan Taylor—Rolan G. Taylor Funeral Home, Winchester
Aaron Randolph/Chad Schulze—T.I.E.S., Louisville
Sandra Roberts/Emily Manning—A.F. Crow & Son Funeral Home, Glasgow
Colin Wray/Chad Schulze—T.I.E.S., Louisville

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Danielle Bell/Jay Ingram—Ransdell Funeral Home, Bedford
Trisha Bishop/Amanda Miles—T.I.E.S., Louisville
Joshua Gorham/Joseph Martin—Premier Mortuary Services, Lexington
Johnny Hicks, Jr./Kenneth Fithen—Scobee Funeral Home, Winchester
Charles Huff/Conley Tyra—Lakes Funeral Home, McKee
Monica Sizemore/Cole Prewitt—Prewitt Funeral Home, New Castle
Maddigan Walker/Bryan New—McDonald & New Funeral Home, Owenton

Change of Supervisor

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Jaclyn Haug/Mike Sabo—Arch L. Heady at Resthaven, Louisville
Phillip Wilburn/Anessa Cranston—Hardy-Close Funeral Home, Louisville

Meeting recessed at 2:10p.m.

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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

Licensure Examinations were conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00p.m. on a motion of Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 4-0 and meeting adjourned.

Jonathan Rideout
Chairman

