

Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors

KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER
Louisville, KY

REGULAR MEETING

Location: Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, Kentucky
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:

Arrived during meeting:

Absent: None

Tuesday June 3, 2025

Call to Order- The Meeting was called to Order promptly by Chairman Rideout at 10:30a.m.

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

Inspector's Report

Inspector Danielle Webb presented her report to the Board for the previous month.

Motion by Mr. Raymond to non-renew Lewis Cox's Individual licenses if the establishment license for Cox Funeral Home is not returned or a certified letter is not received from Lewis Cox relating to the establishment license for Cox Funeral Home being lost, motion seconded by Mr. Meyer, motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve Inspector report made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried 5-0.

A moment of silence was held for the May 16, 2025 for the Southeast Kentucky Tornado Victims and the victims of the terrorist attack targeting the Jewish Community in Colorado on June 2, 2025.

Establishments

Tri City Funeral Home- Motion to approve the license was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 5-0.

Cone Funeral Home- Motion to approve the name change and consolidation request of Kenneth Cone was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 5-0.

IN PERSON REQUESTS

Andy Clayton of IFDA came to speak to the board about defining and understanding what Death Doulas are.

Emmett "Tony" Ratterman on behalf of J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care approached the board about his establishment licenses and to discuss issues that have arisen during his suspension.

Motion by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Meyer to offer Mr. Ratterman an new agreed order extending his suspension until January 1, 2026 for the new violations so long as the order is signed before June 10, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to reinstate J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremations license pending passing an inspection on June 12, 2025 was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Meyer. Motion carried 5-0.

Bluegrass Cremation & Burial Service, Miranda Hummeldorf, Joey Tucker were present to discuss issues resulting from inspections with the inspector Danielle Webb where she was not provided a price list for 5 days and not making the facility available for a long period of time when the inspector arrived. Ms. Hummeldorf and Mr. Tucker were asked by the Board to provide the board a written plan before the July 8, 2025 meeting on how they planned to rectify the issues in the future.

Legal

E.250505.01-Motion to dismiss complaint made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 5-0.

Sworn statement actions-Executive Director Dorsey updated the Board on her review of sworn statements for apprentices.

Apprenticeships

The below apprenticeships were charged by inspector Danielle Webb:

Funeral Director Only

Lindsey Renfrow/Kristine Aldridge-Haley McGinnis Funeral Home & Crematory

David Washburn/Miranda Hummeldorf-Milward Funeral Directors

Dual

Andrew Collins/leigh Ann Dickerson-Butcher Blackburn & Ward Funeral

Whitley Crum/Leslie Neil Wright Wright's Funeral Home

Blake Dishner/Ashley Spencer Maggard Funeral Home

Ashten Hicks/Charles Offutt Milner & Orr Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Matthew McCormick/Hughard Beard & Giles Funeral Home

Change of Supervisor

Sean Watts/Phillip Wheeler J.C. Kirby & Son Funeral Chapel

A motion to approve the above apprenticeships and change of supervisor was made by Mr. Meyer, Mr. Garner. Motion carries 5-0.

Meeting recessed 2:06p.m. on motion Mr. Meyer, seconded Mr. Mason. Motion carried 5-0.


Wednesday, June 4, 2025

10:00 Examination for licensure

2:00 Surface transportation and removal permit course

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

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Joseph Redent

Chairman