

Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors

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

Left During Meeting: None

Arrived during meeting: Roth Mason arrived at 10:07 a.m.

Absent: None

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order promptly at 10:00a.m. by Chairman Rideout.

A motion to approve the Minutes for March 2026 regular meeting was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Garner. Motion carried 4-0.

Roth Mason arrived at 10:07a.m..

In Person Requests/New Business

Leila Salisbury-Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families came before the Board to help make the board aware of services and benefits available to minor children who lose a parent to help raise awareness among Funeral Directors and Funeral Homes to ensure children receive the benefits and services available to them in their time of grief.

Hampton-Hutton Funeral Home addressed the board about issues they have been having.

Inspector's Report

Inspector Danielle Webb presented her monthly report to the Board.

Motion to accept the Inspector report made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session-Legal

At 11:35 a.m. the board went into Executive Session-Legal per KRS 61.810(1) (j) on a motion made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Mason Motion carried 5-0.

Board returned to open session with no action taken on a motion of Mr. Garner seconded by Mr. Raymond, motion carried 5-0.

Returned to Open Session at 12:03 p.m.

Motion to dismiss complaint E.260309.01 was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Dismiss complaint E.260408.01 was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Meyer. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to deem the allegations against Donald Auberry in Complaint I.260112.01 as admitted by default pursuant to 201 KAR 15:080 Section 2(3) was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Meyer. Motion carried 5-0 to deem the facts in complaint I.260112.01 as admitted.

Motion to revoke license # 5744 Donald Auberry for acts committed in complaint I.260112.01 pursuant to KRS316(1)(f) was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 5-0 to revoke license # 5744 Donald Auberry.

Motion to deem the allegations against Melissa Roberson in Complaint I.260113.01 as admitted because of default pursuant to 201 KAR 15:080 Section 2(3) was Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried 5-0 to deem the facts in complaint I.260113.01 as admitted.

Motion to revoke license #7104 Melissa Roberson for acts committed in complaint I.260113.01 pursuant to KRS 316(1)(f) was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Meyer. Motion carried 5-0 to revoke the license #7104 Melissa Roberson.

Motion to accept the agreed order presented in complaint S.251215.01 was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Office Update from Executive Director Dorsey on the CE Audit Update, Renewals, Financial Update.

Discussion was held on the question of the month-What is the definition of "good moral character" per KRS 316.030(4)(b) and 5(b). These discussions were held in part of ongoing discussions to develop a code of ethics for the regulations.

Discussions held on testing questions for applicants.

Discussion about the passing of HB 185 and how it related to the Board.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order promptly at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Rideout. Roth Mason was not present on this date.

Licensure Examinations were administered by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm on the Motion of Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Raymond.
Motion carried 4-0.


Jonathan Rideout, Chairman



Paper Requests

70 & Inactive

Motion to approve Kirk P. Byrn III, 3978 as 70 and inactive Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried 5-0.

Establishment Closure

Maggard Brothers Funeral Home, Visitation/Ceremonial, Hazard turned in paperwork to close and the board was notified.

Examinations

Motion to approve the below applicants to test in June of 2026 was made by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Raymond. Motion carried 5-0.

Dual

Caitlyn Hardin, Clark Legacy Center, Louisville

Misty Lewis, Chenault Brothers Funeral Home, Winchester

Funeral Director

Quinton Barnett, London Funeral Home, London

Apprenticeship

The apprentices and supervisors were charged by inspector Danielle Webb and a motion to accept the below apprenticeships, supervisors, and change of supervisors was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Garner, motion carried 5-0.

Funeral Director Only

Kenneth Canada/Mark C. Lawson-O'Neil Lawson Funeral Home, Corbin

Thomas Gray/Lindsey Bow-O.D. White & Sons Funeral Home, Louisville

Dual

Luke Brewer/Michael Gray-Michael R Gray Funeral Home, Morehead

Jeffrey Brooks/Timothy Crowe-Lewis Funeral Home of Irvine, Irvine

Change of Supervisor

Amber Vaughn/Julie Hilb-Advantage Funeral Home, Louisville

Joseph Williams/Gregory Polston Schoppenhorst Underwood & Brooks Funeral Home, Mt. Washington

Meeting recessed at 2:17p.m. On the motion of Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Garner. Motion carried 5-0.