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William C. Wappner, CFSP, CCO

Meeting Minutes of the State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Education and Examination Committee Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 4717.03(A), the State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Education and Examination Committee convened in Room #1960 of the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts at 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 for its regular meeting to discuss the Committee's business.

1. Convening of the Committee – Chairperson Crates

Committee Chairperson Amanda E. Crates called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Executive Director of the Board Jarrod Williams recorded the following members in attendance: Amanda E. Crates; George Horne, II; Jon W. Rettig, Sr.

William Wappner was not present at the meeting. Mr. Wappner's absence was made known in advance and thus excused.

Board Members Edward Nurre and Thomas Taneff were present at the Committee meeting.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Beth Fligner and Assistant Attorney General William Kovalski were present at the Committee meeting.

Chairperson Crates welcomed all to the committee meeting.

2. Committee Business

Chairperson Crates presented the February 21, 2024, Education and Examination Committee Meeting Minutes.

Jon Rettig moved for the Committee to approve a recommendation to the Board to approve the February 21, 2024, Education and Examination Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. George Horne seconded the motion.

Chairperson Crates asked if there was any concern or need for discussion and there was none.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Jon Rettig

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 3/0

Chairperson Crates presented the Continuing Education Applications.

George Horne moved for the Committee to approve a recommendation to the Board to approve the Continuing Education Applications. Jon Rettig seconded the motion.

Chairperson Crates asked if there was anything else to add to what was presented. Kim Bourk stated all the information was in order and documented for ICCFA. Chairperson Crates stated she saw no concerns.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Jon Rettig

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 3/0

Chairperson Crates read aloud one application for 50 Years of Licensure CE Exemption. Chairperson Crates asked if there was a motion to approve the application.

George Horne moved for the Committee to approve a recommendation to the Board to approve the application for 50 Years of Licensure CE Exemption. Jon Rettig seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Jon Rettig

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 3/0

Chairperson Crates stated there were no applications for Separation from Practice CE Exemption or Medical/Undue Hardship Waivers.

Chairperson Crates stated there were two requests for Out-of-State-CE Credit and noted there was some distance in travel for the requestors. Kim Bourk stated that the Out-of-State requests were validated.

Jon Rettig moved for the Committee to approve a recommendation to the Board to approve the two requests for Out-of-State-CE Credit. George Horne seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Jon Rettig

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 3/0

Chairperson Crates asked if there was any other business to come before the committee.

Jon Rettig mentioned that he received correspondence from Executive Director Andrew Allman of Ohio Funeral Directors Association regarding an upcoming meeting which will include David Ingram, OFDA General Counsel, to discuss the Funeral Director Certificate program instituted by the late Mr. Todd Van Beck of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

3. Adjournment

Chairperson Crates asked if there was anything further business before the committee.

George Horne moved for the Committee to adjourn its meeting. Jon Rettig seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Jon Rettig

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 3/0

March 20, 2024, meeting of the Education and Examination Committee adjourned at 10:07 a.m.



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Meeting Minutes of the State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

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1. Convening of the Board – President Horne

Calling of the Roll

Board President George Horne called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Executive Director of the Board Jarrold Williams recorded the following Board members in attendance: Amanda E. Crates; George Horne, II; Edward C. Nurre, Jr.; Jon W. Rettig, Sr.; Adriana Sfalcin; Thomas Taneff.

William Wappner was not present at the meeting. Mr. Wappner's absence was made known in advance and thus excused.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Beth Fligner and Assistant Attorney General William Kovaleski was present at the meeting.

President Horne welcomed all to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation *under* God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Recognize Apprentices

Apprentices in attendance fulfilling the Board's requirement to attend one state monthly board meeting during their apprenticeship were: Dionne Jordan, Bryce Davenport, Susan Massa, Joyce Barr, Kyle Konold, Thaddeous Cole, and Ahron Kushner. All recognized themselves as requested by President Horne.

President Horne recognized the following guests: Dr. Stuart Snow of Families First/Diehl Whittaker/Fidelity Memorial Group of Columbus Ohio and vicinity, Adonis Dalton of Diehl-Whittaker of Columbus, Ohio, Cathy Elkins of Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio, Marlan Gary of Marlan Gary Chapel of Peace of Columbus, Ohio and Amy Baucher of Ohio Funeral Directors Association (OFDA).

President Horne recognized Senior Assistant Attorney General Beth Fligner and Assistant Attorney General William Kovaleski, and Board staff and their positions with the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

2. Board Business

President's Report

President Horne stated he did not have a report to offer at this time.

Jon Rettig moved to request to amend the Board Meeting Agenda so the Board could discuss Compliance Case CO2023-11115 during the Compliance portion later in the Board meeting. Amanda Crates seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Treasurer's Report

President Horne referred to Board Secretary-Treasurer Amanda Crates to present the Board's monthly report. Ms. Crates stated the report showed nothing to amend. Ms. Crates welcomed discussion. There was none.

Executive Director's Report

President Horne requested Executive Director of the Board Jarrod Williams, for his monthly report. Mr. Williams provided his monthly report for review with amended financial information. Mr. Williams mentioned that HB 315 appears to be underway for a possible restoration of the Indigent Burial and Cremation Support Program and will keep the Board updated. Mr. Williams stated he attended The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards in South Carolina in February. Preneed Annual Report Forms have been sent out and the Board office has received 300 forms according to Derek Bogner's information he provided. All green forms are due to the board office no later than Monday, April 1, 2024. Jon Rettig questioned if the quarterly transfer of funds to the Preneed Recovery Fund increased the balance to over 2.1 million dollars. Mr. Williams confirmed the transfer did. Mr. Williams also mentioned that Financial Disclosure Statements are to be filed with the Ohio Ethics Commission by May 15, 2024.

Jon Rettig stated he attended his last International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards as its president in South Carolina. Mr. Rettig shared that during the annual meeting, he delivered a speech titled, "Regulation is *not* a dirty word", emphasizing the importance of regulation and professional standards within the funeral services industry. Mr. Rettig mentioned that the state of Colorado has been reviewing its regulations of the state's funeral services industry, and a couple of legislative bills have been introduced this year that are strengthening requirements. He plans to participate in supporting proposed legislation. Mr. Rettig also stated that Jarrod Williams attended every session of the annual meeting and thanked him for attending.

Committee Meetings Review

President Horne informed guests in the room of the Board's three committees and their duties. Mr. Horne stated that the JCARR Rules Review Committee and the Preneed Recovery Committee did not meet.

Education and Examination Committee

President Horne referred to Amanda Crates for her report of the Board's Education and Examination Committee.

Chairperson Amanda Crates stated the Education and Examination Committee met this morning and approved the February 21, 2024, meeting minutes, applications for Continuing Education Programs, one application for 50 Years of Licensure Exemption of Continuing Education requirements and two requests for Out-of-State CE Credit. There were no applications for Medical/Undue Hardship Waiver of Continuing Education requirements or Separation from Practice Exemption of CE requirements.

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve the Committee's recommendation to approve the applications for Continuing Education Programs.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve the Committee's recommendation to approve the application for 50 Years of Licensure Exemption of the Continuing Education requirements.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve the Committee's recommendation to approve the requests for Out-of-State CE Credit.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Minutes

President Horne presented the February 21, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes.

Adriana Sfalcin moved for the Board to approve the meeting minutes from the February 21, 2024, Board Meeting. Amanda Crates seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Jon Rettig requested the meeting minutes to reflect that he will testify in Colorado for The Conference, not for the Board.

Request to Supervise more than one Apprentice at one time

President Horne stated the Board received a request from a licensee to supervise more than one apprenticeship at one time and referred to Kim Grossman. Ms. Grossman introduced Stuart Snow. Mr. Snow stated the termination of his first apprenticeship is about to expire, therefore he will have only one apprenticeship once the termination takes place. There was discussion among Board members and Kim Grossman.

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve the Request to Supervise a Second Apprentice. Jon Rettig seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Licenses

Applications for Individual Licensure

President Horne referred to the list of individuals applying for initial licensure and asked if there was a motion to approve.

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve the applications for initial Embalmer and/or Funeral Director licensure. Thomas Taneff seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Crematory Operator Permits

President Horne referred to the list of individuals applying for Crematory Operator Permits.

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve the applications for Crematory Operator Permits. Thomas Taneff seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Applications for Certification of Apprenticeship

President Horne referred to the list of individuals applying for Embalmer and/or Funeral Director Apprenticeship.

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve the applications for Embalmer and/or Funeral Director Apprenticeship. Adriana Sfalcin seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Applications for Reciprocal Licensure

President Horne read the two names of the individuals applying for Reciprocal licensure.

Thomas Taneff moved for the Board to approve the two applications for Reciprocal Licensure. Amanda Crates seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Courtesy Card Permit

President Horne read the name of the individual applying for Courtesy Card Permit.

Jon Rettig moved for the Board to approve the application for Courtesy Card Permit. Thomas Taneff seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

License Reinstatement

President Horne read the names of the individuals applying for License Reinstatement.

Thomas Taneff moved for the Board to approve the applications for License Reinstatement. Edward Nurre seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

AIC Ownership Change

President Horne read the list of names applying for a new facility license because of an AIC Ownership Change.

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve the applications, applying for a new facility license because of an AIC Ownership Change. Thomas Taneff seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

New Facility License

President Horne referred to the applications requesting New Facility License.

Thomas Taneff moved for the Board to approve the applications requesting New Facility License. Jon Rettig seconded the motion

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

New License-Leasing Space from another facility

President Horne referred to the applications requesting New License Leasing Space from another facility.

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve the applications requesting a New License Leasing Space from another facility. Thomas Taneff seconded the motion.

Jon Rettig inquired to Mr. Marlan Gary about his new endeavor. Mr. Gary stated they are opening an arm of business going toward direct cremation.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Compliance

Ratification of Closed Compliance Cases

President Horne read the list of Compliance Cases that were recommended for closure as there were no violations of the Ohio Revised Code 4717: CO2024-1475, CO2024-1460, CO2024-0863, CO2023-0058, CO2023-15021, CO2023-12985.

Edward Nurre moved for the Board to approve the recommendation to close all Compliance Cases as presented. Thomas Taneff seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Compliance Case – CO2023-11115

Jon Rettig opened discussion regarding Compliance Case CO2023-11115. Jarrod Williams reminded all about the disciplinary action resulting from the case: a 90-days suspension of the funeral director license and a forfeiture in the amount of \$5,000. The licensee informed the Board that they would have difficulty in fulfilling their obligation to timely pay the fine and requested assistance.

Board members discussed the request and agreed that the licensee's circumstances wouldn't provide the wherewithal to pay. The Board viewed the conditions to be upsetting and concurred the owner of the funeral home did not help the situation. The Board discussed a reduction of the fine.

Edward Nurre moved for the Board to approve reducing the amount of the fine stated in the Board Order in compliance case number CO2023-11115 from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00. Jon Rettig seconded the motion.

There was discussion regarding the timeframe for payment due.

Edward Nurre amended his previous motion to include payable in 90 days.

Jarrold Williams read aloud the amended motion for clarification: "Edward Nurre moved for the Board to approve reducing the amount of the fine stated in the Board Order in compliance case number CO2023-11115 from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00, payable in 90 days." Jon Rettig seconded the amended motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

Attorney General Update

President Horne introduced Senior Assistant Attorney General Beth Fligner. Ms. Fligner did not have any business to speak of at this time. Ms. Fligner introduced Assistance Attorney General William Kovaleski who will be the Board's new legal counsel for the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

Upcoming Dates

President Horne read the list of dates with information associated to each.

Public Comment

President Horne welcomed open discussion for public comment.

Cathy Elkins of Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio asked for the House Bill number that included the Board's Indigent Burial and Cremation Support Program. Jarrold Williams replied that it was House Bill 315.

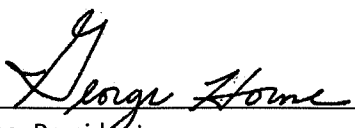
Jon Rettig read aloud the Apprentice Interview's to follow the Board meeting.

3. Adjournment

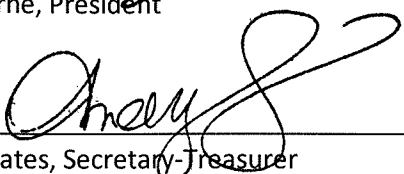
Jon Rettig moved for the Board to approve to adjourn its meeting. Thomas Taneff seconded the motion.

Roll-call vote: Yes: Amanda Crates, George Horne, Edward Nurre, Jon Rettig, Adriana Sfalcin, Thomas Taneff
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6/0

March 20, 2024, meeting of the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors adjourned at 11:12 a.m.



George Horne, President



Amanda Crates, Secretary-Treasurer



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Executive Director's Report Wednesday, March 20, 2024

At the February 21, 2024, regular meeting of the board, I was asked by Cathy Elkins of Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio if there was any information available about legislative efforts to resume the suspended Indigent Burial and Cremation Support Program. I responded to Ms. Elkins that I was aware of the program's mention in a recently introduced omnibus bill in the Ohio House, with support by Ohio Township Association, but did not have any details about its standing.

Update: House Bill No. 315, currently in review by the House State and Local Government Committee, includes proposed appropriation of one million dollars for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the state's general revenue fund to the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors for its Indigent Burial and Cremation Support Program. 135th General Assembly members State Representatives Thomas Hall (R-Madison Twp., House District 46) and Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati, House District 30) sponsored the legislative bill "Revise the township law." The Committee has held at least two hearings so far in 2024 with written testimony provided by many Ohio townships, and notably, Ohio Funeral Directors Association and Ohio State Coroners Association, in support of the bill.

If enacted, and subject to the bill's effective date and the availability of the funds, the Program's suspension period will end, and the board will resume accepting reimbursement applications from local government entities per the board's rules.

I attended the 120th Annual Meeting of the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards during the last week of February. I am very grateful for the opportunity to have participated in the meeting. I was able to learn more about The Conference's exam services and regulatory support it provides to funeral service regulatory boards across the country. Each day of the meeting was filled with programming and presentations about the latest trends and innovations occurring in licensing and regulation.

Preneed Funeral Contract Annual Report (green) forms were printed and mailed to all the funeral homes in the state. The board office began to receive completed forms as soon as a couple of days after, and regularly receives deliveries by U.S. Mail and other common couriers. The due date to submit the preneed funeral contract report by will be recognized as Monday, April 1, 2024, because the thirty-first day of March is on a Sunday this year. (See R.C. § 1.14)

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors is scheduled to participate in Ohio Funeral Directors Association's Annual Convention. The Board will be responsible for presenting a one-hour course "Elevating Skills, Impacting Futures, The Master-Apprentice Relationship."

Ohio Ethics Commission's Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar year 2023 are due by Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Electronic filing is a convenient method and may be accessed at the Ohio Ethics Commission's website via its *Quick Links "E-File a Financial Disclosure Statement."*

Automated Reporting and Preneed Payment System (ARPPS)

Quarter 4 of 2023 reporting through March 08, 2024

Total contracts filed	8,940
Total fees paid	\$89,400.00

ARPPS/Preneed Recovery Fund (KeyBank) Account

Statement Ending February 29, 2024	\$86,740.00
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State Treasury Asset Reserve (STAR Ohio) Account

Statement Ending February 29, 2024

Opening Balance	\$2,019,101.80
Income Dividend Reinvestment	\$8,798.83
Closing Balance	\$2,027,900.63

(CY) YTD Earnings: Income Reinvested	\$9,450.50
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Preneed Recovery Fund Reimbursement

Start of program through February 29, 2024

Total applications approved	28
Total amount of payments approved	\$152,263.37

Indigent Burial and Cremation Support Program (IBCSP)

Reimbursement application forms during February 2024

Total applications approved	0
Total amount of reimbursements approved	\$0.00

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Communications Coordinator



Rettig Sr. Delivers Speech on Importance of Regulation and Standards

In a recent address at The Conference's 120th Annual Meeting, outgoing President Jon Rettig Sr. emphasized a crucial message: "Regulation is *not* a dirty word."

He rallied attendees to recognize the vital role of regulatory boards within the funeral service industry despite the scrutiny they've faced from legislators and other groups seeking to lower professional standards. He assured the audience that The Conference Board of Directors and Staff has made a central effort to emphasize the value of regulation as a safeguard for consumers and maintaining the integrity of the profession over the past year.

"Government is involved in the regulation of professions to protect the public," Rettig Sr. said in his speech. "Government involvement allows for enforcement and promotes outreach and education through regulatory boards/agencies at the state level. We continue to support our member state regulators with assistance and materials to support the work that they do. Regulation is *not* a dirty word."

The past president highlighted the ongoing struggle within the industry to attain "professional" status—a distinction that requires adherence to rigorous standards and underscored the importance of the "3 E's" – education, examination, and experience, in defining a true profession. Through measures like the National Board Exam (NBE), The Conference ensures that aspiring funeral service professionals meet minimum competency levels, thereby safeguarding public trust.

"You can't say you want to be a professional but have no education or minimum competency measure to support it," Rettig Sr. said. "Typically, funeral service licensees don't like being referred to as a trade but that's what we are if you only require an apprenticeship."

Lastly, Rettig Sr. commended the dedication of volunteers on numerous committees who play a pivotal role in shaping industry standards. He concluded the address by urging attendees to embrace the learning opportunities presented at the meeting and reaffirmed the mantra:

"Regulation is *not* a dirty word"

The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards is headquartered in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Founded in 1904, the membership of The Conference is composed of funeral service licensing and regulatory agencies throughout the United States and Canada. For more information on The Conference, visit

www.theconferenceonline.org.

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Communications Coordinator

MONTHLY APPROVED CE PROGRAMS

FOR

Ohio Licensees

2023 - 2024 Compliance Period

Programs Reviewed at Board Meeting: **March 20, 2024**

Program Number Naming Convention

Program numbers are labeled based on location of the program and category (Ethics, Preneed, and Laws & Rules).

The first number of the program number indicates the location of In Person programs based on the above map.

Program numbers beginning with O- are online programs.

Program numbers beginning with W- are webinar programs.

Program numbers beginning with 6- are out-of-state programs.

After the beginning number or letter the Required Categories are labeled, if applicable, as:

e – ETHICS, p – PRENEED, L – LAWS & RULES

PROGRAM TYPE DEFINITIONS for OHIO

In Person means instruction occurs when the instructors and participants are face to face, in the same location.

Webinar means instruction occurs simultaneously between the instructors and participants who are not located in the same place using a format in which participants are able to interact with the instructor through a question and answer format in real time. Webinar continuing education adds technology to live instruction through the use of an electronic, cyber, or a digital medium. Ex: Zoom

Online means instruction occurs when the instructors and participants are not located in the same place. Online continuing education adds technology to instruction through the use of an electronic, cyber, or digital medium. The learner can go at their own pace.

Ex: On Demand programs

Current CE Requirements

Continuing Education Requirements for Compliance Period 1-1-2023 through 12-31-2024.

* Please be aware that CE hours do not carry over from one compliance period to the next.

6 hours must be: **In Person and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.** Private, In-Person programs DO NOT COUNT toward the "6-hour In Person" requirement.

12 hours can be: In Person or Webinar or Online, Public or Private (Webinars ARE NOT considered In Person hours)

18 HOURS TOTAL

REQUIRED TOPICS

Of the 18 hours, 4 shall be in the following REQUIRED TOPICS:

1 hr of Ethics, 1 hr of Preeed Ethics, 2 hrs of Laws & Rules

(Hours not specified as **Required Topic Hours** are considered **GENERAL HOURS**)

Licensees must contact the Program Provider to verify details, dates and availability of programs. Contact information is listed, when available, for your convenience.

Reviewed at March 20, 2024 Board Meeting

Private programs are shown in RED. Private, In-Person programs DO NOT COUNT toward the "6-hour In Person" requirement.

Provider Name	Program Title	Program Number	Program Type	CE Hours	Categories: e, p, L&R	Effective Date	Expiration Date
CCMS Contact: www.ccms.edu							
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	CCMS BMS 2024 Spring Funeral Service Co-op (Cincinnati, OH)	4-003970	In Person	4		4/5/2024	4/5/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Master Funeral Director / Embalmer Training and Certification (Cincinnati, OH)	4epL-003949	In Person	6	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	5/1/2024	5/1/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Master Funeral Director / Embalmer Training and Certification (Webinar)	Wepl-003950	Webinar	6	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	5/1/2024	5/1/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Transforming Death Care Education (Toledo, OH)	1-003969	In Person	1		5/13/2024	5/13/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Ohio Laws and Rules for Cremation and Death Care, Ethics in Death Care, and Preneed Ethics (Cincinnati, OH)	4epL-003951	In Person	4	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	5/31/2024	5/1/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Ohio Laws and Rules for Cremation and Death Care, Ethics in Death Care, and Preneed Ethics (Webinar)	Wepl-003952	Webinar	4	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	5/31/2024	5/1/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Transforming Death Care Education, and Arlington National Cemetery: Restoring Honor (Cincinnati, OH)	4-003953	In Person	2		6/12/2024	6/12/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Transforming Death Care Education, and Arlington National Cemetery: Restoring Honor (Webinar)	W-003954	Webinar	2		6/12/2024	6/12/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Ohio Laws and Rules, Ethics in Death Care, and Preneed Ethics (Cincinnati, OH)	4L-003955	In Person	2	2-L&R	6/26/2024	6/26/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Ohio Laws and Rules, Ethics in Death Care, and Preneed Ethics (Webinar)	WL-003956	Webinar	2	2-L&R	6/26/2024	6/26/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Organ Donation, and Arlington National Cemetery: Restoring Honor (Cincinnati, OH)	4-003957	In Person	2		7/17/2024	7/17/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Organ Donation, and Arlington National Cemetery: Restoring Honor (Webinar)	W-003958	Webinar	2		7/17/2024	7/17/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Ohio Laws and Rules for Cremation and Death Care (Cincinnati, OH)	4L-003959	In Person	2	2-L&R	8/28/2024	8/28/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Ohio Laws and Rules for Cremation and Death Care (Webinar)	WL-003960	Webinar	2	2-L&R	8/28/2024	8/28/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Transforming Death Care Education, and Ohio Laws and Rules for Cremation and Death Care (Cincinnati, OH)	4epL-003961	In Person	4	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	9/11/2024	9/11/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Transforming Death Care Education, and Ohio Laws and Rules for Cremation and Death Care (Webinar)	Wepl-003962	Webinar	4	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	9/11/2024	9/11/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Master Funeral Director / Embalmer Training and Certification (Cincinnati, OH)	4epL-003963	In Person	6	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	10/30/2024	10/30/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Master Funeral Director / Embalmer Training and Certification (Webinar)	Wepl-003964	Webinar	6	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	10/30/2024	10/30/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Ohio Laws and Rules for Cremation and Death Care, Ethics in Death Care, and Preneed Ethics (Cincinnati, OH)	4epL-003965	In Person	4	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	11/6/2024	11/6/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Ohio Laws and Rules for Cremation and Death Care, Ethics in Death Care, and Preneed Ethics (Webinar)	Wepl-003966	Webinar	4	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	11/6/2024	11/6/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Ohio Laws and Rules for Cremation and Death Care, Ethics in Death Care, and Preneed Ethics (Cincinnati, OH)	4epL-003967	In Person	4	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	12/4/2024	12/4/2024
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	Ohio Laws and Rules for Cremation and Death Care, Ethics in Death Care, and Preneed Ethics (Webinar)	Wepl-003968	Webinar	4	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	12/4/2024	12/4/2024
Central Institute for Educational Advancement Contact: www.cifea.org							
Central Institute for Educational Advancement	Arrangement Room Ethics (Centerville, OH)	4e-003930	In Person	2	1 - e	4/11/2024	4/11/2024
Central Institute for Educational Advancement	Funeral Facility Psychology (West Carrollton, OH)	4-003933	In Person	2		5/14/2024	5/14/2024
Cornerstone of Hope Bereavement Center Contact: www.cornerstoneofhope.org							
Cornerstone of Hope	Spiritual Self Care (Cleveland, OH)	2-003940	In Person	2		3/27/2024	3/27/2024

District 1 Funeral Directors Association (formerly OFDA - Dist 1)								
District 1 Funeral Directors Association	Surviving an OSHA / OhEPA Inspection (Montpelier, OH)	1L-003941	In Person	3	3 - L&R	5/21/2024	5/21/2024	
Funeral Directors Life Insurance Company (FDLIC) Contact: www.funeraldirectorslife.com								
Funeral Directors Life Insurance Company	The New Funeral Consumer (Coschocton, OH)	2p-003936	In Person	2	2 - p	5/23/2024	5/23/2024	
Funeral Directors Life Insurance Company	The New Funeral Consumer (Barberton, OH)	2p-003937	PRIVATE	2	2 - p	4/9/2024	4/9/2024	
Funeral Directors Association of Northwestern Ohio								
Funeral Directors Association of Northwestern Ohio	Military Funeral Honors (Toledo, OH)	1-003944	In Person	1		5/13/2024	5/13/2024	
Graystone Associates Contact: www.graystoneassociates.com								
Graystone Associates	Sales is a 5 Letter Word (Springfield, OH) - PRIVATE	4-003931	PRIVATE	7		3/20/2024	3/21/2024	
Graystone Associates	Sales is a 5 Letter Word (Springfield, OH) - PRIVATE	4-003932	PRIVATE	7		3/25/2024	3/26/2024	
Graystone Associates	Internal Customer Service (Springfield, OH) - PRIVATE	4-003978	PRIVATE	3		4/16/2024	4/16/2024	
Graystone Associates	Family Feedback (Springfield, OH) - PRIVATE	4-003979	PRIVATE	7		4/17/2024	4/17/2024	
Graystone Associates	Financial Fundamentals (Springfield, OH) - PRIVATE	4-003980	PRIVATE	7		4/18/2024	4/19/2024	
ICCFA Contact: www.iccfa.com								
International Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Association	ICCFA Crematory Operator Certification Program - OFDA (Columbus, OH)	3eL-003976	In Person	7	1 - e, 2 - L&R	4/22/2024	4/22/2024	
International Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Association	2024 ICCFA Annual Convention and Exposition (Tampa, FL)	6-003977	In Person	13		4/10/2024	4/13/2024	
International Order of the Golden Rule Contact: www.ogr.org								
International Order of the Golden Rule	2024 OGR Annual Conference (Savannah, GA)	6-003934	In Person	6		5/7/2024	5/9/2024	
KAVOD Independent Jewish Funeral Chapels								
KAVOD Independent Jewish Funeral Chapels	Facing Change: Current Challenges in Funeral Practice (New York, NY)	6-003929	In Person	2		5/15/2024	5/15/2024	
Lifebanc Contact: www.lifebanc.org								
Lifebanc	Lifebanc 2024: Changes in Policy and Operations (Cleveland, OH)	2e-003943	PRIVATE	1	e - .50	4/10/2024	4/10/2024	
Lifeline of Ohio Contact: www.lifelineofohio.org								
Lifeline of Ohio	Donation 101 (Coshocton, OH)	3-003943	In Person	2		5/23/2024	5/23/2024	

National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) Contact: www.nfda.org								
National Funeral Directors Association	Annual FTC Funeral Rule Review (Webinar)	WL-003942	Webinar	2	2 - L&R	6/12/2024	6/12/2024	
North Central Ohio Funeral Directors Association (formerly OFDA Dist. 2)								
North Central Ohio Funeral Directos Association	Embalming Unknowns, British Funeral Customs, and Longstreth Memorials Plant Tour (Galion, OH)	1-003935	In Person	3		5/15/2024	5/15/2024	
Ohio Embalmers Association Contact: www.ohemb.com								
Ohio Embalmers Association	OEA 2024 Spring Seminar (Cleveland, OH)	2epl-003939	In Person	6	1-e, 1-p, 2-L&R	5/8/2024	5/8/2024	
OFDA Contact: www.ofdaonline.org								
Ohio Funeral Directors Association	2024 Certified Celebrant Training - Day 1 (Presented by Insight Institute) (Florence, KY)	6-003971	In Person	5		8/6/2024	8/6/2024	
Ohio Funeral Directors Association	2024 Certified Celebrant Training - Day 2 (Presented by Insight Institute) (Florence, KY)	6e-003972	In Person	8	e - .50	8/7/2024	8/7/2024	
Ohio Funeral Directors Association	2024 Certified Celebrant Training - Day 3 (Presented by Insight Institute) (Florence, KY)	6-003973	In Person	4		8/8/2024	8/8/2024	
Ohio Funeral Directors Association	2024 OFDA Legislative Brief (Columbus, OH)	3L-003974	In Person	0.5	.50 - L&R	4/9/2024	4/9/2024	
Ohio Funeral Directors Association	2024 OFDA Ohio Statehouse Guided Tour (Columbus, OH)	3L-003975	In Person	0.5	.50 - L&R	4/9/2024	4/9/2024	
Ohio Funeral Directors Association - Dist. 16								
Ohio Funeral Directors Association - Dist. 16	Dimensions of Ethics: Perspectives on Spirituality (Canton, OH)	2e-003938	In Person	2	2 - e	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	
Pump It Up CPR								
Pump It Up CPR	American Heart Association: CPR and First Aid (Grove City, OH)	3-003945	In Person	5		5/14/2024	5/14/2024	
Pump It Up CPR	American Heart Association: CPR and First Aid (Grove City, OH)	3-003946	In Person	5		5/22/2024	5/22/2024	
Summit County Funeral Directors Association (OFDA Dist. 8)								
Summit County Funeral Directors Association	Cosmetics 101 (Copley, OH)	2-003928	In Person	2		4/4/2024	4/4/2024	
Wilbert Funeral Services Contact: www.wilbert.com								
Wilbert Funeral Services	Best Known Is Better Than Best (Webinar)	W-003947	Webinar	1		8/8/2024	8/8/2024	
Wilbert Funeral Services	Teamwork Through Crisis (Webinar)	W-003948	Webinar	1		5/20/2024	5/20/2024	

REVIEWED: March 20, 2024

Requests for Exemptions and Waivers from CE

Requests for 50 Years of Licensure Exemption

<u>NAME</u>	<u>License Number</u>
1. Joel F. Jerome	FD.006240 EMB.007013

Requests for Separation From Practice Exemption

<u>NAME</u>	<u>License Number</u>
NONE	

Medical / Undue Hardship Waiver

<u>NAME</u>	<u>License Number</u>
NONE	

Requests for Out-of-State Credit

<u>NAME</u>	<u>License Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
Frank Dawson	FD.008316 EMB.008581	March 4-6, 2024	Vail, CO	MKJ Marketing Ski Summit 2024 8 hours
John Feher	FD.008242 EMB.008507	February 2-4, 2024	Ocean City, MD	Maryland State Funeral Directors Association Mid Winter Retreat 2024 6 hours

March 2024 Board Meeting

New License Applications

Name	Location	Funeral Director	Embalmer
Barr, Alice	Cadiz, Ohio	FD.010376	-----
Davenport, Bryce	Perrysburg, Ohio	FD.010377	-----
Faulhaber, Robert	Cincinnati, Ohio	FD.010378	EMB.010098
Fisher, Darby	London, Ohio	FD.010379	EMB.010099
Huddleston, Samantha	Akron, Ohio	FD.010382	EMB.010101
Murphy, David Matthew	Chagrin Falls, OH	FD.010383	-----
Shaw, Thomas Charles	Ft. Recovery, Ohio	-----	EMB.010102
Sylvester, Tyler	Fairborn, Ohio	-----	EMB.010092
Tackis, Taylor	Beavercreek, Ohio	FD.010384	EMB.010093
Wright, Marcena	Dayton, Ohio	FD.010385	-----

Crematory Operator Permits

Name of permit holder	Location	Permit number
Fisher, Darby	London, Ohio	CROP.000916
Gray, Drew	Napoleon, Ohio	CROP.000917
Phelps, James Austin	Cincinnati, Ohio	CROP.000913
Ross, Jordan	Columbus, Ohio	CROP.000915
Schwiefert, Jason	Sandusky, Ohio	CROP.000918
Thomas, James K	Trotwood, Ohio	CROP.000911
Yates, Courtney	Jackson, Ohio	CROP.000912
Yurkovich, April	Salem, Ohio	CROP.000914

Reciprocated License

Name of Applicant	State reciprocating license from	Funeral Director	Embalmer
Eppert, Hannah	Kentucky	FD.010380	EMB.010100
Teffner, Russell	Virginia	FD.010381	-----

Courtesy Card Permit

Name of Applicant	State Application is licensed in	Courtesy card permit #
Snyder, Robert	Pennsylvania	CCPM.000042

License Reinstatement

Name of Licensee	Location	License #
Craciun, James	Cleveland, Ohio	FD.006520
Sims, Thomas G	Newark, Ohio	CROP.000551

March 2024 New Apprentice Certifications

Apprentice Name	Certification #	Funeral Home & Location	Master
Apple, Ethan	CERT.009399 FD CERT.007367 EMB	Schoedinger Funeral & Cremation, Columbus, Ohio	Rodger Bartley
Bailey, Kyle	CERT.009400 FD	Barkdall Funeral Home, Shelby, Ohio	Carli Bailey
Benanzer, Michael	CERT.009392 FD	Glickler Funeral Home, Dayton, Ohio	Larry Glickler
Clutter, Timothy	CERT.009395 FD	Care Funeral and Cremation Services, Calcutta, Ohio	Amy Greenaway
Combs, Mark	CERT.009406 FD	Snouffer Funeral Home, Zanesville, Ohio	Joshua Snouffer
Eveland, Kathryn	CERT.009394 FD	Goebel Funeral Home, Crooksville, Ohio	Kyle Eveland
Fader, Sage	CERT.009403 FD CERT.007368 EMB	Watters Funeral Home, Woodsfield, Ohio	Bruce Watters
Frank, Skyllarr	CERT.009405 FD CERT.007369 EMB	Anderson Funeral Home, Franklin, Ohio	Greg Jackson
Hayes, Tina	CERT.009398 FD	Rutherford Funeral Home, Worthington, Ohio	Joseph Hayes
Jardine, Jake	CERT.009402 FD	Jardine Funeral Home, Strongsville, Ohio	Jason Jardine
Jordan, Dionne	CERT.009404 FD	Stewart & Calhoun Funeral Home, Akron, Ohio	James (Preston) Stewart

King, Alexis	CERT.009397 FD CERT.00366 EMB	Arlington Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, Cincinnati, Ohio	Sara Underhill
Konold, Kyle	CERT.009396 FD	Walker Funeral Home, Rossford, Ohio	Tracy Gaines
Linnen, Emma	CERT.009407 FD CERT.007370 EMB	Higgins-Reardon Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Austintown, Ohio	Terry Reardon
McClellan, Joshua	CERT.009401 FD	Busch Funeral and Crematory Services, Avon Lake, Ohio	Meghan Burmeister
Pizzuli, Nicole	CERT.009393 FD	Donald A Faulhaber Funeral Home, Broadview Heights, Ohio	Jeffrey Ferrara

Master Trainer requesting for more than one apprentice at the same time.

Master Trainer -Stuart Snow - Families First Cremation and Funerals at Edwards, Columbus, Ohio

Current apprentice – Charlotte Dahlquist FD & EMB apprentice 8/1/2023 – 8/1/2024

Requesting new apprentice – Adonis Dalton FD and future EMB apprentice. Begin FD apprenticeship as soon as approved and EMB will begin end of year for EMB when he can enroll in Mortuary college.

March 2024 – New Facility License and Changes

AIC and Ownership Changes

FACILITY NAME	CURRENT LICENSE TO BE CLOSED #	CURRENT AIC	NEW LICENSE #	NEW AIC	Location of FH
Brucker & Kishler Funeral Home Inc.	FH.001833	Robert Brucker	FH.004037	Leslea Brucker-Massu	Newark, Ohio
Evergreen Cremation Service, Inc	CREM.000220	Bryan Borowski	CREM.000300	Bryan Borowski	Warren, Ohio
Gattozzi and Son Funeral Home	FH.002203	Nicholas Gattozzi	FH.004039	Jay Jones	Chesterland, Ohio
Law-Baker, Brucker and Kishler Funeral Home, Inc	FH.003669	Robert Brucker	FH.004038	Leslea Brucker-Massu	Utica, Ohio
Robert C. Henry Funeral Home	FH.003938	Senta Folds	FH.004040	James Dempsey	Springfield, Ohio
Staton-Borowski Funeral Home, Inc.	FH.002915	Bryan Borowski	FH.004041	Bryan Borowski	Warren, Ohio
Walker Funeral Home – Mt. Healthy Chapel	FH.003471	Herbert Walker	FH.004042	Dawn Walker	Cincinnati, Ohio
Walker Funeral Home – Vine Street Chapel	FH.004007	Herbert Walker	FH.004043	Deborah Booher	Cincinnati, Ohio

Walker Funeral Home – Vine Street Crematory	CREM.000290	Herbert Walker	CREM.000301	Deborah Booher	Cincinnati, Ohio
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New Facility License

Name of new facility	New License #	AIC	Location
Buckeye Cremation by Schoedinger	FH.004044	John R Schoedinger	Gahanna, Ohio
Columbus Crematory II	CREM.000302	John R Schoedinger	Gahanna, Ohio
Kinley-Kemp Funeral Home and Arrangement Center, LLC	FH.004045	Jerry Kinley	Cincinnati, Ohio

New License – Leasing Space from another facility

License Name	New License #	AIC	Leasing space from	Location
Angel Cremation Service	FH.004046	Marlan Gary	Marlan J Gary Funeral Home – The Chapel of Peace – North FH.003229	Columbus, Ohio
E-Cremation LLC	FH.004047	Daniel Madden	Beacon Funeral and Cremation Services LLC. FH.004034	Warren, Ohio



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Ratification of Closed Compliance Cases Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Recommended Action: Motion to ratify the list of closed compliance cases as presented and confirm each case status as closed.

Complaints against an individual or facility licensed under Chapter 4717 of the Ohio Revised Code by the State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors may be filed through the eLicense Ohio Professional Licensure Portal or submitted to the board office via E-mail, United States Postal Service or common carrier.

In the following compliance cases, the board inspector concluded their investigation of the allegations within the complaint. Upon review of all evidence, the board inspector will not be recommending disciplinary action or charges for violations of Chapter 4717 of the Ohio Revised Code, or any rules adopted under Chapter 4717 of the Ohio Administrative Code in this matter.

CO2024-1475

CO2024-1460

CO2024-0863

CO2024-0058

CO2023-15021

CO2023-12985

Therefore, the board office recommends the list of compliance cases as presented be closed with no further action.