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# Meeting Minutes of the State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors' Education and Examination Committee Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 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 #1932 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.

Chairperson Crates welcomed all to the committee meeting.

### 2. Committee Business

Chairperson Crates presented the October 17, 2023, Education and Examination Committee Meeting Minutes and asked if there were any comments regarding the meeting minutes. There was none.

George Horne moved for the Committee to approve a recommendation to the Board to approve the October 17, 2023, Education and Examination Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Jon Rettig seconded the motion.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 3/0

Chairperson Crates presented the Continuing Education Applications and stated she didn't see anything out of the normal. Jon Rettig commented about a provider and Kim Bourk confirmed the information for Mr. Rettig.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 3/0

Chairperson Crates stated there were no applications or requests for 50 Year of Licensure CE Exemptions, Separation from Practice CE Exemption or Medical/Undue Hardship Waivers. Ms. Crates stated there was one request for Out-of-state-CE Credit. Ms. Crates stated, given how well Kim Bourk checks out the documentation, she didn't feel there was any reason not to approve the application that was presented.

Jon Rettig moved for the Committee to approve a recommendation to the Board to approve the request for Out-of-state-CE Credit. George Horne seconded the motion.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 3/0

Chairperson Crates asked if there was any other discussion. Jon Rettig provided an update on the late Mr. Todd Van Beck's proposed Funeral Director Certificate Program. Mr. Rettig provided documents to committee members for reference regarding his separate discussions with Mortuary Science Program Director Mark Evely, Ph.D. of Wayne State University of Detroit, Michigan, and Dr. Barry Lease, president at Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Rettig stated that his talks with each were productive and insightful. Of course, there were questions regarding minimal requirements and approval of the program, and inquiries about accredited or unaccredited entities offering the program. Mr. Rettig reminded that the American Board of Funeral Service Education is responsible for accrediting mortuary schools. Mr. Rettig reminded that the voluntary program is intended for persons looking to serve a funeral director apprenticeship in Ohio. Chairperson Crates and Board Member Adriana Sfalcin shared their appreciation with Mr. Rettig on all his research for the program.

### 3. Adjournment

Chairperson Crates asked if there was any further discussion.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 3/0

November 15, 2023, meeting of the Education and Examination Committee adjourned at 10:17 a.m.



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# Meeting Minutes of the State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board Meeting Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 4717.03(A), the State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors convened in Room #1932 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 Board's business.

# 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 Jarrod 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 was present at the meeting.

President George 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: Danielle Battle, Michael Benanzer, Wesley Roberts, Bernard Knez, Farrah Morgan, Emilie Holbert. All recognized themselves as requested by President Horne.

President Horne recognized the following guests: Amy Baucher of Ohio Funeral Directors Association (OFDA), Cathy Elkins and Margaret Sproul of Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio, Ricky Baker of Affinity Memorial Chapel of Columbus, Ohio, Roy Terry of White's Funeral Home of Columbus, Ohio, Marlan Gary of Marlan J. Gary Funeral Homes of Columbus, Ohio and James Craciun of Craciun-Berry Funeral Home of Cleveland, Ohio.

### Moment of Silence

In honor of the lives lost in the Tuscarawas Valley school district bus collision on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Governor Mike DeWine ordered all United States flags to fly at half-mast. Jon Rettig requested to take a moment of silence.

## 2. Board Business

### President's Report

President Horne stated there was much to cover in the board meeting, therefore he would like to proceed with the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

# Treasurer's Report

Board Secretary-Treasurer Amanda Crates presented the Board's monthly report and stated that as the board is now stepping away from the Indigent Burial and Cremation Support Program, she feels good with the information in the report.

### Executive Director's Report

President Horne requested Executive Director of the Board Jarrod Williams for his monthly report. Mr. Williams provided his financial report that could be reviewed for the November 15, 2023 Board meeting. Jon Rettig inquired about Latonya White who was present at the October 17, 2023 Board meeting. Mr. Williams stated Ms. White spoke at the public comment at the October 17, 2023 Board meeting and her request for accommodations to complete her apprenticeship. Mr. Rettig also made the statement that he will be attending the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards in Myrtle Beach, SC in 2024. Mr. Williams stated he would look into the grant program that is offered as a recommendation. Mr. Rettig requested Mr. Williams to attend.

### **Executive Session**

President Horne requested for the Board to enter into Executive Session.

George Horne moved for the Board to approve holding an executive session pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, to consider the employment of a public employee. Mr. Horne further read aloud from section 1: To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. Except as otherwise provided by law, no public body shall hold an executive session for the discipline of an elected official for conduct related to the performance of the elected official's official duties or for the elected official's removal from office. If a public body holds an executive session pursuant to division (G)(1) of this section, the motion and vote to hold that executive session shall state which one or more of the approved purposes listed in division (G)(1) of this section are the purposes for which the executive session is to be held, but need not include the name of any person to be considered at the meeting. 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

President Horne invited Senior Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Fligner to join the Executive Session.

The Board entered Executive Session at 10:43 a.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:01 a.m.

President Horne stated that all Board members were present to resume the regular meeting.

Thomas Taneff moved for the Board to approve to come out of Executive Session and return to its regular meeting. 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

Thomas Taneff moved for the Board to approve to set compensation for Executive Director Jarrod Williams at \$49.53 per hour. 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

### **Committee Meetings Review**

President Horne informed guests in the room of the Board's three committees and their duties. President Horne stated that the Board's JCARR Rules Review Committee and Preneed Recovery Fund 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 applications for Continuing Education Programs. There were no applications for 50 Years of Licensure Exemption of Continuing Education requirements, Medical/Undue Hardship Waiver of the Continuing Education requirements or for Separation from Practice Exemption CE requirements. There was one Request for Out-of-State Credit of CE.

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 requested a motion for the Board to approve the Committee's recommendation to approve the Request for Out-of-State Credit for CE.

Jon Rettig moved for the Board to approve the Committee's recommendation to approve the request for Out-of-State Credit for CE. Adriana Sfalcin seconded the motion.

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

#### Minutes

President Horne presented the October 17, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes.

Adriana Sfalcin moved for the Board to approve the meeting minutes from the October 17, 2023, Board Meeting. 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

## Request for exemption of requirements for reinstatement of license

James Craciun of Craciun-Berry Funeral Home of Cleveland, Ohio spoke to the Board requesting permission to reinstate his lapsed license with exemption of requirements to pay accrued late fees and the condition to take and pass the Ohio Laws and Rules Examination. Mr. Craciun stated he has been licensed 48 years without a mark and he was unaware of the lapsed status until too late. Mr. Craciun and his brother both work in the funeral home and indicated it could be a hardship for them to have only one licensed funeral director if he was unable to pass the exam on the first attempt. Jarrod Williams explained the 6 months deadline in Ohio Revised Code of a license reinstatement. Jon Rettig inquired to Assistant Attorney General Beth Fligner. Ms. Fligner stated she would need to review the information. President Horne stated that a decision could not be made this day and would like to table the discussion to the next Board meeting after the Board is advised of the next steps.

Adriana Sfalcin moved to table the discussion of the Request for Licensure Reinstatement. 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

Mr. Rettig stated that he would be happy to meet after the meeting to provide information on what Mr. Craciun should review for the exam.

### Request permission to supervise more than one apprenticeship at one time

President Horne stated there was a request from Marlan Gary of Marlan J. Gary Funeral Homes of Columbus, Ohio for permission to supervise more than one apprenticeship. President Horne requested Kim Grossman provide feedback regarding the request to the Board.

Edward Nurre moved for the Board to approve the request from Marlan Gary of Marlan J. Gary Funeral Homes for permission to supervise more than one 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

#### 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 from individuals for initial Embalmer licensure and Funeral Director licensure. 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

### **Crematory Operator Permits**

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

Jon Rettig moved for the Board to approve the applications for Crematory Operator Permits. 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

# **Applications for Reciprocal Licensure**

President Horne read the names of individuals applying for Reciprocal Licensure.

Edward Nurre moved for the Board to approve the 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

Jon Rettig asked if the applicants for reciprocal license had to comply with the current laws and rules or the amended law to take effect at the end of the year. Jarrod Williams replied applicants need to only meet current standards. The amended law included in Ohio Senate Bill No. 131 regarding applicants who hold a license in another state or have satisfactory work experience in a state that does not issue a license goes in effect December 29, 2023.

### Applications for Certification of Apprenticeship

President Horne read the list of names of individuals applying for embalmer and/or funeral director apprenticeship.

Jon Rettig 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 Certification of Apprentice Location – Master Changes

President Horne read the name of the individual applying for Apprentice Location – Master Changes.

Edward Nurre moved for the Board to approve the application for Apprentice Location – Master Changes. 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

### **Applications for Facility Licensure**

President Horne read the name of the facility applying for licensure because of an AIC Change. There was a short discussion amongst Board members and Kim Grossman regarding the application request.

Edward Nurre moved for the Board to approve the application for facility licensure because of an AIC Change. 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

President Horne read the names of facilities applying for licensure because of an AIC, Ownership Changes and Name Changes. There was a short discussion amongst Board members and Kim Grossman regarding the application requests.

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve the applications for facility licensure because of an AIC, Ownership Changes and Name Changes. 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

President Horne read the names of facilities requesting License Closure.

Thomas Taneff moved for the Board to approve the requests for a facility License Closure. 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

President Horne read the name of the facilities applying for a New Facility License - Leasing Space.

Jon Rettig moved for the Board to approve the applications for New Facility License - Leasing Space. 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

### Compliance

## **Ratification of Closed Compliance Cases**

President Horne referred to the list of compliance cases that were recommended for closure as there were no violations of the Ohio Revised Code 4717. Jarrod Williams read all compliance cases numbers aloud: CO2023-11358, CO2023-11092, CO2023-11033, CO2023-10905, CO2023-10494, CO2023-10206, CO2023-10078, CO2023-8845.

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

There was discussion amongst Board members requesting that all redacted compliance cases for review be in electronic form only in the future for the record.

### Recommendation of charge for violation

President Horne deferred to Jarrod Williams for reference to the compliance cases that were recommended to charge. Jarrod Williams read Compliance Case #CO2023-11115 with a recommendation to charge licensee with violation of R.C. 4717.14 (A)(5).

Jon Rettig moved for the Board to approve to charge the licensee with violation of R.C. 4717.14 (A)(5) in Compliance Case CO2023-11115. Amanda Crates seconded the motion.

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

Abstain: George Horne

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5/0

President Horne deferred to Jarrod Williams for the next compliance case and recommendation. Mr. Williams read Compliance Case #CO2023-10076 with a recommendation to charge the licensee with violation of R.C. 4717.14 (A)(4).

Edward Nurre moved for the Board to approve to charge the licensee with violation of R.C. 4717.14 (A)(4) in Compliance Case CO2023-10076. 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

President Horne deferred to Jarrod Williams to present the next compliance case and recommendation. Mr. Williams read Compliance Case #CO2023-4987 with a recommendation to charge the licensee with violation of R.C. 4717.14 (A)(3).

Amanda Crates moved for the Board to approve to charge the licensee with violation of R.C. 4717.14 (A)(3) in Compliance Case CO2023-4987. 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

Jon Rettig suggested the apprenticeship could be extended. Edward Nurre suggested the apprentice could be issued a letter of reprimand.

President Horne requested Jarrod Williams present the final compliance case and recommendation. Mr. Williams read Compliance Case #CO2023-4800 requesting a recommendation to the Board for discussion on how to proceed with violation of 4717.14.

Jon Rettig moved for the Board to approve to charge the licensee with violation of 4717.14 in Compliance Case CO2023-4800 and to refer the case to the county prosecuting attorney and suspend the funeral home license. 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

### **Attorney General Update**

President Horne introduced Senior Assistant Attorney General Beth Fligner as the Board's Counselor. President Horne requested Ms. Fligner to report any updates to the Board. Ms. Fligner stated she did not have anything to report at this time.

## **Upcoming Dates**

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

# **Public Comment**

President Horne welcomed open discussion for public comment. Marlan Gary of Marlan Gary of Marlan J. Gary Funeral Homes of Columbus, Ohio provided feedback in Compliance Case #CO2023-4800.

# 3. Adjournment

There was a short discussion among Board members regarding the Board member apprentice interviews following the Board meeting.

Amanda Crates moved for the Board 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

November 15, 2023, meeting of the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

George Horne, President

Amanda Crates, Secretary-Treasurer

# Payments to suppliers during October 2023:

# From 4K90 Fund:

Voucher ID	Supplier/ Merchant Name	Accounting Date	Expense Account Code	Monetary Amount
00005964	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-02-2023	527751	\$408.06
00005965	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-04-2023	527751	\$78.07
00005966	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-04-2023	527751	\$792.00
00005967	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-04-2023	527751	\$20.40
00005968	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-04-2023	527751	\$2,172.28
00005969	AUDITOR OF STATE	10-04-2023	527751	\$765.00
00005970	SQ *FILE 13 AT UCO INDUST	10-11-2023	526052	\$50.00
00005970	TMOBILE POSTPAID WEB	10-11-2023	524067	\$260.74
00005972	AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL	10-16-2023	529066	\$27.50
00005973	AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL	10-17-2023	529066	\$48.84
00005974	CBTS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS LLC	10-18-2023	524067	\$87.11
00005975	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-20-2023	527751	\$453.40
00005976	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-23-2023	527751	\$84.73
00005977	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-23-2023	527751	\$2,654.08
00005978	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-24-2023	527751	\$792.00
00005979	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-24-2023	527751	\$20.40
00005980	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-25-2023	527751	\$3,646.00
00005982	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	10-25-2023	527751	\$10.08

Current overview of the Board's expenditures and revenue for fiscal year 2024 thru October 31, 2023:

FY 2024 Total Operating Expenses				
Quarter 1 (Jul, Aug, Sept)	\$244,068.42			
Quarter 2 (Oct, Nov, Dec)	\$80,409.04			
Quarter 3 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$0.00			
Quarter 4 (Apr, May, Jun)	\$0.00			
Total to date	\$324,477.46			

(Expenses includes payroll, travel & expense reimbursement, and voucher payments.)

FY 2024 Total Operating Budget					
FY 2024 Total Appropriation	\$1,444,500.00				
FY 2024 Total Disbursements (-)	\$324,477.46				
FY 2024 Available Balance	\$1,120,022.54				

FY 2024 Revenue				
Quarter 1 (Jul, Aug, Sept)	\$21,885.00			
Quarter 2 (Oct, Nov, Dec)	\$9,320.00			
Quarter 3 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$0.00			
Quarter 4 (Apr, May, Jun)	\$0.00			
Total to date	\$31,205.00			

(Revenue includes fees as defined in R.C. 4717.07 and imposed fines.)



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# Executive Director's Report Wednesday, November 15, 2023

At its regular meeting on October 17, 2023, the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors appointed me, Jarrod Williams, as its executive director of the board. It was my honor and privilege to accept the position. I committed to supporting and promoting the board's mission and to carry out the organization's policies, programs, and initiatives to the best of my abilities. I continue to be grateful for this opportunity to serve the Board in this role.

On October 19, 2023, the board office re-engaged the Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost to set up the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors as a "direct copy" agency allowing for electronic receipt of background checks from the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Initial contact with AGO about the onboarding process was years ago with the delay being identified as a stop on all updates during the development, implementation, and monitoring of the AGO's new fingerprint and background check systems. We remain patient and optimistic about our agency's prospects to join in the new systems.

On October 19, 2023, the Office of Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber released "Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, Management Letter For The Years Ended June 30, 2023 – 2022". Each board member should have received by email a copy directly from the Auditor's office. The letter included results of the biennial audit testing with recommendations as necessary. I reviewed the letter with representatives of the Auditor's Office in advance of the release and subsequently provided a response to the issues discussed committing to follow recommendations to correct weaknesses identified and resolve to reduce potential risks to the Board. The Board will have for its review in future meetings updates to policies and procedures addressing the Auditor's assessments.

On October 20, 2023, I spoke by telephone with Mr. Ryton Wanton, and subsequently Mr. Ryton Wanton, II, regarding Mr. Wanton's recent appearance before the Board at its October 17 regular meeting. Mr. Wanton was following up with the board office about discussion of there being differing opinions between board office staff and Mr. Wanton about the funeral director apprenticeship of Ryton Wanton, II. In speaking with Ryton Wanton, II it was agreed that he be provided with the opportunity to support his position in the matter by submitting documentation through direct email beginning the first business day of the following week. Mr. Ryton Wanton phoned one week later seeking confirmation that Ryton Wanton II submitted the agreed-to documentation. To date, no submission has been received.

On October 30, 2023, the board office staff met with Ohio Funeral Directors Association for a collaboration. Our two organizations discussed future continuing education programs presented or hosted by OFDA in 2024 including the annual conference, master's training seminar, annual convention, apprenticeship seminar, and the usual Fall meetings. This meeting was a follow up to a brief virtual meeting held July 11, 2023, between a few members of each office to brainstorm about changing the frequency of seminar offerings or coordinating with another program provider to expand opportunities for persons located throughout the state, changes in law resulting from passage of Ohio Senate Bill No. 131 and House Bill No. 33 (Budget Bill), and to ask general questions. The meeting was productive and helpful. Again, I thank Executive Director Andrew Allman and his

staff for the kind and generous hospitality.

On November 01, 2023, a conversation between Latonya White and I occurred regarding Mrs. White's funeral director apprenticeship. Ms. White was following up on her recent comments made during the October 17, 2023, regular meeting of the board. I informed Mrs. White I would review the apprenticeship documents in question, consult with the Board, and provide a response as soon as possible.

On November 06, 2023, registration opened for Delegate Grant applications to the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Conference (The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards) scheduled for February 28-29, 2024. The Conference Delegate Grant Program provides funding for one travel delegate from each member board to attend. The Board will determine who the delegate of the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors will be prior to applying.

Commencement at Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science is December 8, 2023. Our office anticipates many applications for apprenticeships shortly after.

On December 14, 2023, the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission is scheduled to convene for its last quarterly meeting in calendar year 2023. Typically, during this meeting, the Commission will consider meeting dates for the upcoming year. I plan to contact the Commission soon after its meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> to learn those future dates and share the information during the regular meeting of the board on December 20, 2023, so discussion may occur about potential dates during the first half of calendar year 2024 to convene the board's Crematory Review Board.

<b>Automated Reporting and Preneed Payment System (ARPPS)</b>
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Quarter 3 of 2023 reporting through November 02, 2023

Total contracts filed 5,094

Total fees paid \$50,940.00

**ARPPS/Preneed Recovery Fund (KeyBank) Account** 

Statement Ending October 31, 2023 \$41,640.50

State Treasury Asset Reserve (STAR Ohio) Account

Statement Ending October 31, 2023

Opening Balance \$1,890,096.88

Income Dividend Reinvestment \$8,916.48

Closing Balance \$1,899,013.36

(CY) YTD Earnings: Income Reinvested \$73,010.72

**Preneed Recovery Fund Reimbursement** 

Start of program through October 31, 2023

Total applications approved 26

Total amount of payments approved \$144,478.75

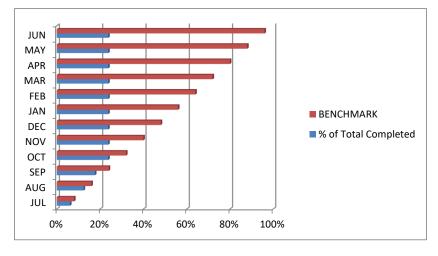
**Indigent Burial and Cremation Support Program (IBCSP)** 

Reimbursement application forms during October 2023

Total applications approved 0

Total amount of reimbursements approved \$0.00

Time period start:	10/1/	2023		end:	10/31	/2023		Board	Meeting	15	5-Nov-20	23	FY2024
Board Meeting	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Year
													total
Mileage	3,748	4,084	4,812	5,168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,812
Apprentices													
Interviewed	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Not Available	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Inspections - Annual													completed
Crem Fac 171	11	14	5	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	, 43
Emb Fac 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FH 1127	68	68	63	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	266
Total 1303	80	82	68	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	310
% of Total Completed	6%	12%	18%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%
BENCHMARK	8%	16%	24%	32%	40%	48%	56%	64%	72%	80%	88%	96%	100%
Difference	-2%	-4%	-6%	-8%	-16%	-24%	-32%	-40%	-48%	-56%	-64%	-72%	-76%
Violations Identified	1	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
violations identified	1	0		1	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Inspections - Follow-up													completed
Crem Fac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emb Fac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FH	0	0	1	o	Ö	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inspections - New Facility													completed
Crem Fac	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Emb Fac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Investigations Working	5	6	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Days Attibuted to:													
Inspecting	24	29.5	26	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101.5
Board Meeting	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Office	14.5	13	10	9.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Hearings/Investigations	0	0	4	6.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.5
Training	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
Leave	8.5	11	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Days Included	47	53.5	45	48.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	194

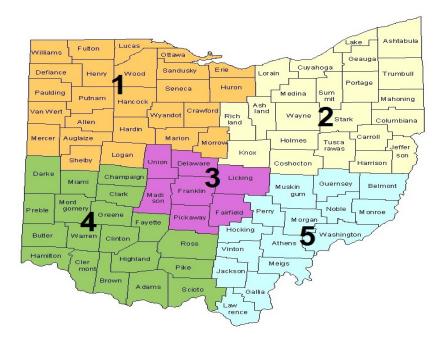




		License:		
Inspection Date	Туре	Number	Licensee Account Name	License - County
10/2/2023	Annual	FH.002206	HOUSE OF WHEAT	Montgomery
10/4/2023	Annual	FH.003271	MUELLER FUNERAL HOME, INC	Warren
10/4/2023	Annual	FH.000614	WHEELER FUNERAL HOME	Jefferson
10/4/2023	Annual	FH.001914	SHORTEN & RYAN FUNERAL HOME	Warren
10/4/2023	Annual	FH.002143	WHEELER FUNERAL HOME	Jefferson
10/10/2023	Annual	FH.002617	FRESHWATER, MCDONALD & VERNON FUNERAL HOME	Champaign
10/10/2023	Annual	FH.003826	The Cremation Center by Vernon	Champaign
10/10/2023	Annual	CREM.000242	The Cremation Center by Vernon	Champaign
10/11/2023	Opening	CREM.000289	JACKSON-SARVER FAMILY FUNERAL HOME	Miami
10/11/2023	Annual	FH.002749	OSWALD-HOSKINS FUNERAL HOME	Warren
10/11/2023	Annual	FH.002752	VALE-HOSKINS FUNERAL HOME	Warren
10/12/2023	Annual	FH.003752	HODAPP CREMATION SERVICE	Hamilton
10/12/2023	Annual	FH.000492	JOHN HODAPP SONS INC	Hamilton
10/12/2023	Annual	CREM.000273	HODAPP CREMATION SERVICE	Hamilton
10/12/2023	Annual	FH.003888	Paul R. Young Funeral Home	Hamilton
10/16/2023	Annual	FH.002418	Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions	Montgomery
10/16/2023	Annual	CREM.000083	NEWCOMER CR	Montgomery
10/16/2023	Annual	CREM.000202	Lusain Memorial Crematory	Hamilton
10/16/2023	Annual	FH.001533	FREE FUNERAL HOME	Coshocton
10/16/2023	Annual	FH.003165	MILLER FUNERAL HOME	Coshocton
10/16/2023	Annual	FH.002261	STINE FUNERAL HOME OF LEBANON	Warren
10/16/2023	Annual	CREM.000219	Miller-Kaser Cremation Services LLC	Coshocton
10/16/2023	Annual	FH.003387	W E LUSAIN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY	Montgomery
10/17/2023	Annual	FH.003941	Spring Grove Funeral Homes - Northwest	Hamilton
10/17/2023	Annual	FH.003369	NEIDHARD-YOUNG FUNERAL HOME	Hamilton
10/17/2023	Annual	FH.003246	WALKER FUNERAL HOME	Hamilton

10/17/2023	Annual	FH.003471	Walker Funeral Home	Hamilton
10/18/2023	Annual	FH.003092	HOGENKAMP FUNERAL HOME	Shelby
10/18/2023	Annual	FH.002424	N J HOGENKAMP SONS INC	Auglaize
10/18/2023	Annual	FH.002461	GILBERG-HARTWIG FUNERAL HOME	Auglaize
10/19/2023	Annual	FH.002949	SHORTS-SPICER-CRISLIP FUNERAL HOME SERVICES	Portage
10/19/2023	Annual	FH.003929	Mallory DeHaven Carlson Funeral Home	Portage
10/19/2023	Annual	CREM.000191	Lake Park Crematory	Mahoning
10/19/2023	Annual	FH.003763	Augustine Funeral Home	Mahoning
10/23/2023	Annual	CREM.000073	O R WOODYARD CO	Franklin
10/23/2023	Annual	FH.003478	Ross-Frash Funeral Home	Perry
10/23/2023	Annual	FH.002564	MAEDER-QUINT-TIBERI FUNERAL HOME INC	Franklin
10/23/2023	Annual	FH.003490	Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home Inc.	Muskingum
10/23/2023	Annual	FH.001721	O R WOODYARD CO	Franklin
10/23/2023	Annual	FH.003561	Goebel Funeral Home & Cremation Svcs	Perry
10/23/2023	Annual	FH.003479	Ross-Frash Funeral Home	Muskingum
10/24/2023	Annual	FH.003838	Defenbaugh Wise Schoedinger Circleville	Pickaway
10/24/2023	Annual	FH.002665	OLIVER-CHEEK FUNERAL HOME	Pickaway
10/24/2023	Annual	FH.002811	GRISELL FUNERAL HOME	Belmont
10/24/2023	Annual	FH.000898	WELLMAN FUNERAL HOMES INC	Pickaway
10/24/2023	Annual	FH.002849	WELLMAN FUNERAL HOME	Hocking
10/24/2023	Annual	FH.000076	TOOTHMAN FUNERAL HOME	Belmont
10/25/2023	Annual	FH.003058	GOMPF FUNERAL SERVICES	Morrow
10/25/2023	Annual	FH.001274	Snyder Funeral Home, Craven Chapel	Morrow
10/26/2023	Annual	FH.001209	N J HOGENKAMP SONS INC	Mercer
10/26/2023	Annual	FH.002487	N J HOGENKAMP SONS INC	Mercer
10/30/2023	Annual	FH.002744	Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions	Franklin
10/30/2023	Annual	CREM.000122	Newcomer Crematory	Franklin
10/30/2023	Annual	FH.003843	Schoedinger Northwest	Franklin

10/30/2023	Annual	FH.003793	Shaw Davis Funeral Home	Franklin
10/30/2023	Annual	CREM.000243	Shaw Davis Crematory	Franklin
10/30/2023	Annual	FH.001881	EGAN-RYAN FUNERAL HOME	Franklin



#### **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

# MONTHLY APPROVED CE PROGRAMS

OR

### **Ohio Licensees**

2023 - 2024 Compliance Period

Programs Reviewed at Board Meeting: November 15, 2023

#### **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, 5 shall be in the following REQUIRED TOPICS:

1 hr of Ethics, 2 hrs of Preneed, 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.

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# Reviewed at November 15, 2023 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 2023 Fall Funeral Service Co-op (Cincinnati, OH)	4-003830	In Person	4		12/1/2023	12/1/2023
Good Grief of Northwest Ohio Contact: www.goodgriefnwo.org							
Good Grief of Northwest Ohio	The Impact of Disenfranchised Grief on African American Communities (Toledo, OH)	1e-003825	In Person	2	1-e	11/16/2023	11/16/2023
NFDA Contact: www.nfda.org							
National Funeral Directors Association	If Not Now, When? The Harsh Truths of Your Business Succession Plan (Webinar)	W-003831	Webinar	1		12/13/2023	12/13/2023
National Institute of Funeral Service Contact: www.nationalinstitutes	s.com						
National Institute of Funeral Service	Thoughts on Grief (Webinar)	We-003822	Webinar	2	1-e	11/30/2023	11/30/2023
National Institute of Funeral Service	Ethics in the Funeral World (Webinar)	We-003823	Webinar	2	1-e	12/6/2023	12/6/2023
Ohio Funeral Directors Association - Dist 3							
Ohio Funeral Directors Association - Dist 3	9th Annual Super Wednesday (Lima, OH)  1. First Aid for Funeral Directors, 2  2. Almost Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Mortuary Cosmetic Application, 1  3. Back to the Basics, 1  4. The New Funeral Consumer: A 10-Year Case Study, 1-p	1pL-003817 1pL-003817-a 1pL-003817-b 1pL-003817-c 1pL-003817-d	In Person	8	2-p, 2-L&R	11/15/2023	11/15/2023
	5. The New Funeral Consumer: How People's Habits, Lifestyles, Attitudes Shape Their Funeral Preferences, 1-p	1pL-003817-e					
	6. Legal and Legislative Issues Affecting Funeral Directors, 2-L&R	1pL-003817-f					
Regulatory Support Services, Inc. Contact: www.regulatorysupportset	rvices.com						
Regulatory Support Services, Inc.	OSHA Compliance Spotlight (Harrisville, WV)	6L-003818	In Person	2	2-L&R	11/28/2023	11/28/2023
Regulatory Support Services, Inc.	OSHA Compliance Spotlight (Webinar)	WL-003819	Webinar	2	2-L&R	11/28/2023	11/28/2023
Regulatory Support Services, Inc. Regulatory Support Services, Inc.	OSHA Compliance Spotlight (Parkersburg, WV) OSHA Compliance Spotlight (Webinar)	6L-003820 WL-003821	In Person Webinar	2 2	2-L&R 2-L&R	11/29/2023 11/29/2023	11/29/2023 11/29/2023
Safety and Environmental Solutions Contact: www.safenv.net							
Safety and Environmental Solutions	Annual OSHA Refresher (OFDA Dist 10, Portsmouth, OH) - PRIVATE	4L-003824	PRIVATE	2	2-L&R	12/5/2023	12/5/2023

#### Tri-County Funeral Directors Association - Youngstown - OFDA Dist 15

Tri-County Funeral Directors Association - OFDA Dist 15	Cosmetics 101 (Boardman, OH)	2-003832	In Person	2		1/11/2024	1/11/2024
Wilbert Funeral Services Contact: www.wilbert.com							
Wilbert Funeral Services	Handling Fetal Remains in the Wake of the Dobbs Decision Part II (Webinar)	WL-003828	Webinar	1	1-L&R	12/14/2023	12/14/2023
Wilbert Funeral Services	Formaldehyde, the Funeral Rule, and the Future of the Workforce (Webinar)	W-003826	Webinar	2		1/25/2024	1/25/2024
Wilbert Funeral Services	A Century of Caring: Navigating Family Dynamics, Grief and Marketing in the Death Care Indutry (Webinar)	W-003827	Webinar	1		2/8/2024	2/8/2024
Wilbert Funeral Services	How to Compete on Service in a Price Sensitive Market (Webinar)	W-003829	Webinar	1		3/7/2024	3/7/2024

**REVIEWED: November 15, 2023** 

# **Requests for Exemptions and Waivers from CE**

Requests for 50 Years of Lice	sure Exemption	
NAME	<u>License Number</u>	
Requests for Separation From	Practice Exemption	
NAME	<u>License Number</u>	
NONE		
Medical / Undue Hardship W	aiver	
NAME NONE	<u>License Number</u>	
INCINE		

# **Requests for Out-of-State Credit**

NAME	License Number	<u>Date</u>	<u>State</u>	Description
Jordan Nickohl Stills	FD.010071	10/4/2023	Wisconsin	2023 CE Progra

EMB.009893

2023 CE Program - Dickinson Funeral Home

- 1. Veterans' Cemeteries Qualifications, Benefits, and Expectations (1 hour)
- 2. Alkaline Hydrolysis An option for final disposition (1 hour)
- 3. Green Burial How can we help this family? (1 hour)
- 4. Medical Examiner Policy and Procedure (1 hour)
- 5. 7 Rivers Hospice Home Care and Respite at the end of life (1 hour) TOTAL: 5 hours

# November 15th, 2023, Board Meeting

# New License Applications

Name	Location	Funeral Director	Embalmer
Flood, Brian	New Philadelphia, Ohio	FD.010344	
Sexton, Haley	Jackson, Ohio		EMB.010073
Willmeth, Brooke	Springfield, Ohio	FD.010343	EMB.010072

# **Crematory Operator Permits**

Name of permit holder	Location	Permit number
Anderson, Matthew	Jefferson, Ohio	CROP.000878
Collier, Jaylin	Sciotoville, Ohio	CROP.000881
Floyd, Danielle	South Euclid, Ohio	CROP.000874
Gompf, Gregory	Cardington, Ohio	CROP.000871
Hofer, Coleen	Fairlawn, Ohio	CROP.000880
McCoy, Michael L	Shelby, Ohio	CROP.000876
Reed, Ruth	Xenia, Ohio	CROP.000870
Robinson, Justice	Orient, Ohio	CROP.000879
Routt, Brianna	Fairborn, Ohio	CROP.000875
Schaich, Jordyn	Lawrenceburg, IN	CROP.000869
Smith, Jamiyah	Cleveland, Ohio	CROP.000877
Snyder, Gideon	Mansfield, Ohio	CROP.000872
Weaver, Deborah	Fairfax, Ohio	CROP.000873

# Reciprocated License

Name of Applicant	State reciprocating license from	Funeral Director	Embalmer
Brucker, Sara	Arizona	FD.010345	EMB.010074
Knox, Brittany	West Virginia		EMB.010076

# Applications for Certification of Apprenticeship November 2023 Apprentice Interviews

# **New Apprentice Certifications**

Apprentice Name	Certification #	Funeral Home & Location	Master
Blackstone, Hallie	CERT.009355 FD	Chandler Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Caldwell, Ohio	Bryan Chandler
Blackstone, Hallie	CERT.007341 EMB	Chandler Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Caldwell, Ohio	Bryan Chandler
Clyburn, Megan	CERT.009354 FD	Littleton and Rue Funeral Home, Springfield, Ohio	Robert Kampman
Clyburn, Megan	CERT.007340 EMB	Littleton and Rue Funeral Home, Springfield, Ohio	Robert Kampman
Cravens, Christopher	CERT.009353 FD	Hoenig Funeral Home, Fostoria, Ohio	Terrence Hoening
Floyd, Danielle	CERT.009358 FD	Calhoun Funeral Home, Cleveland, Ohio	Linda White
Floyd, Danielle	CERT.007343 EMB	Calhoun Funeral Home, Cleveland, Ohio	Linda White
Hochstetler, Meghan	CERT.009352 FD	Bacher – Moore Funeral Home, Akron, Ohio	David Moore
Kinsley, Andrew	CERT.009359 FD	Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home, Columbus, Ohio	Marlan Gary
Pietrasz, Emily	CERT.009356 FD	Tomon Funeral Home, Middleburg, Heights, Ohio	Cody Tomon

Pietrasz, Emily CER	Tom Ohio	on Funeral Home, Middleburg F	Heights, Todd Strzalka	
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# **Apprentice Location- Master Changes**

Apprentice Name	New Certification #	Funeral Home & Location	Master
Holbert, Emilie		Slone and Co. Funeral Directors, Cleveland, Ohio	Nancy Nicholas

# November 2023 – New Facility License and Changes (\*\*See explanations on last page\*\*)

# **AIC Changes Only**

CURRENT LICENSE #	FACILITY NAME	CURRENT AIC	NEW LICENSE #	NEW AIC	Location of FH
**FH.000205	Donald A Faulhaber Funeral Home	Donald Faulhaber	FH.004005	Robin Faulhaber	Broadview Heights, Ohio

# AIC, Ownership Changes and Name Changes

CURRENT LICENSE # - CLOSING	CURRENT FACILITY NAME	CURRENT AIC	NEW FACILITY NAME	PRENEEDS & CREMAINS	NEW LICENSE #	NEW AIC	Location of FH
FH.003919	Conner & Koch Life Celebration Home	Addison Koch	Conner & Koch Funeral Home	Staying at current location	FH.004006	Brad Conner	Bellbroke, Ohio
FH.003366	Newcomer Cremations,	Warren Newcomer	Walker Funeral Home – Vine Street	Taking to FH.003252	FH.004007	Herbert Walker	Cincinnati, Ohio

	Funerals & Receptions						
CREM.000241	Tri-State Care Center	Mark Ratliff	Walker Crematory – Vine Street	NONE	CREM.000290	Herbert Walker	Cincinnati, Ohio
FH.003490	Bolin – Dierkes Funeral Home Inc.	Ty Dierkes	NO CHANGE	N/A	FH.004010	Cody Dierkes	Zanesville, Ohio
CREM.000207	Y-City Crematory	Ty Dierkes	NO CHANGE	N/A	CREM.000291	Cody Dierkes	Zanesville, Ohio

# <u>License Closure</u>

License Closing	Name	AIC	Location of closing FH	Preneeds	Cremains
FH.003792	Best Funeral Home	Gary Best	Rock Creek, Ohio	Only 6, sent to Middlefield location.	NO cremains
FH.000456	Bond Funeral Home	Marlene Bond	Freeport, Ohio	Being handled by Eric Anderson	NO cremains

# New License – Leasing Space from another facility

Name	New License #	AIC	Leasing space from	Location
**Faulhaber – Ferrara Funeral Service	FH.004008	Jeffrey Ferrara	Faulhaber Funeral Home FH.004005	Broadview Heights, Ohio
Cremations Direct LLC	FH.004009	Thomas A Megie	Megie Funeral Home and Crematory FH.003795	Milford, Ohio

# \*\* Changes with Donald A Faulhaber Funeral Home \*\*

- 1. AIC Change Closing license # FH.000205 Donald A Faulhaber Funeral Home currently licensed under Donald Faulhaber FD.005371.
- 2. Application for new funeral home license from new AIC Robin Faulhaber for Donald A Faulhaber Funeral Home.
- 3. Application from Jeff Ferrara to lease space from Donald A Faulhaber Funeral Home as Faulhaber Ferrara Funeral Service.



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# Ratification of Closed Compliance Cases Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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.

CO2023-11358 CO2023-11092 CO2023-11033 CO2023-10905 CO2023-10494 CO2023-10206 CO2023-10078

CO2023-8845

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



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### **Recommendation to Charge**

Board Meeting: November 15, 2023

Compliance Case No: CO2023-11115

Recommended Action: Motion to charge licensee with violation of R.C. 4717.14 (A)(5)

# Complaint

Unprofessional behavior by funeral home employees.

## **Synopsis**

During the investigation of complaint conducted by a board inspector it was made known an employee of the funeral home who does not hold a funeral director license issued by the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors met with family members of the deceased to complete funeral arrangements and the necessary paperwork.

# **Violation**

Section 4717.14 of the Ohio Revised Code

- (A) The board of embalmers and funeral directors may, except as provided in division (G) of this section, refuse to grant or renew, or may suspend or revoke, any license or permit issued under this chapter or may require the holder of a license or permit to take corrective action courses for any of the following reasons:
- (5) The applicant or licensee knowingly permitted an unlicensed person, other than a person serving an apprenticeship, to engage in the profession or business of embalming or funeral directing under the applicant's or licensee's supervision.



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### **Recommendation to Charge**

Board Meeting: November 15, 2023

Compliance Case No: CO2023-10076

Recommended Action: Motion to charge licensee with violation of R.C. 4717.14 (A)(4)

### Complaint

Complainant contacted a funeral director to follow up on their preneed funeral contract information after receipt of a letter from a life insurance company informing them a policy would not be issued. The funeral director informed the complainant they would resolve the issue; however, three years passed, and a policy still hasn't been issued.

### **Synopsis**

During the investigation of complaint conducted by a board inspector it was made known a funeral director other than the original director completed and submitted application for policy to a life insurance company. The complainant received notice from the insurance company that a policy was in effect.

### Violation

Section 4717.14 of the Ohio Revised Code

- (A) The board of embalmers and funeral directors may, except as provided in division (G) of this section, refuse to grant or renew, or may suspend or revoke, any license or permit issued under this chapter or may require the holder of a license or permit to take corrective action courses for any of the following reasons:
- (4) The licensee or permit holder has committed immoral or unprofessional conduct.

Rule 4717-8-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code

Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(F) Misappropriation by a funeral director, funeral home or funeral home's employee of any amount of money whether paid by a consumer or acquired by any other means in order to fund his or her funeral service.



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### **Recommendation to Charge**

Board Meeting: November 15, 2023

Compliance Case No: CO2023-4987

Recommended Action: Motion to charge licensee with violation of R.C. 4717.14 (A)(3)

### Complaint

The complainant and their family members alleged deceptive, misleading, unethical, and predatory business practices and produced a list of grievances against the funeral home and its employees.

# **Synopsis**

During the investigation of complaint conducted by a board inspector it was made known a funeral director apprentice met with the complainant and their family members of the deceased to complete funeral arrangements and the necessary paperwork prior to meeting eligibility to do so. It was also discovered that funeral home employees misrepresented the location of an item of clothing of the deceased requested by the family to be returned.

The Board does not regulate pricing of funeral goods and services and is not authorized to resolve a billing dispute. A resolution to the grievances concerning charges listed in the complaint is between the consumer and business.

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- (3) The applicant, licensee, or permit holder has recklessly violated any provision of sections 4717.01 to 4717.15 or a rule adopted under any of those sections; division (A) or (B) of section 4717.23; division (B)(1) or (2), (C)(1) or (2), (D), (E), or (F)(1) or (2), or divisions (H) to (K) of section 4717.26; division (D)(1) of section 4717.27; or divisions (A) to (C) of section 4717.28 of the Revised Code; or any provisions of sections 4717.31 to 4717.38 of the Revised Code; any rule or order of the department of health or a board of

health of a health district governing the disposition of dead human bodies; or any other rule or order applicable to the applicant or licensee.

#### Rule 4717-5-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code

- (D) Direct supervision of an apprentice
- (2) A funeral director apprentice who has, in the sound professional judgment of the master funeral director, attained sufficient skill and experience during the apprenticeship, including but not limited to, assisting under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director with twenty-five funerals and who has successfully completed nine months of an apprenticeship or, in the case of an apprentice who did not complete mortuary science college, completed eighteen months of an apprenticeship, may meet independently with families that have been advised prior to the meeting of the apprentice's status, to prepare at-need and preneed funeral arrangements using a worksheet to determine and define the family's desires. The worksheet shall be given to the master or other licensed funeral director associated with the same funeral home as the master who will use it to prepare a funeral purchase contract conforming to the federal trade commission part 453 funeral industry practices revised rule.