

MINUTES

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS

The regular meeting of the State Board of Registration of Funeral Directors and Embalmers was called to order on October 14, 2020 at 3:33 pm electronically via Zoom. Members present include Timothy P. Kenney (Chairman), Susan J. Hopkins, Eric P. Rochette, Vincent A. Baiocchetti III and Daniel B. Stockbridge.

On a motion made by Timothy P. Kenney and seconded by Vincent A. Baiocchetti III the board approved the regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2020.

The following individual(s) met, via Zoom, with the board to discuss their application for licensure.

- Cameron R. Beauchesne and his sponsor Daniel B. Stockbridge (Stockbridge Funeral Home).
- Ashley L. Murray and her sponsor Roger L. Gosselin (Phaneuf Funeral Homes & Crematorium).
- Robert C. Dewhirst and his sponsor Albert A. Abdallah (Goundrey & Dewhirst Funeral Home).
- John J. Gentile Jr. regarding his application for an embalmer license.

Motion to commence non-public session:

At 4:12 pm, on a motion made by Timothy P. Kenney seconded by Vincent A. Baiocchetti III and by a unanimous roll call vote the board voted to enter non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 325:33, I, RSA 325:34, VI, and the board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous poll vote of all members present and included all members listed above.

Motion to return to public session:

At 5:29 pm, on a motion made by Timothy P. Kenney seconded by Susan J. Hopkins the board voted to return to public session and withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 325:33, I, RSA 325:34, VI.

Actions authorized during non-public session: On a motion made by Timothy P. Kenney seconded by Susan J. Hopkins and vote was unanimous.

I. WRITTEN EXAMINATION(S):

CHRISTENSEN, J. Max (Phaneuf Funeral Homes & Crematorium)

II. APPRENTICE EMBALMER APPLICATION(S):

BEAUCHESNE, Cameron R. (Stockbridge Funeral Home)

MURRAY, Ashley L. (Phaneuf Funeral Homes & Crematorium)

DEWHIRST, Robert C. (Goundrey & Dewhirst Funeral Home)

III. EMBALMER APPLICATION(S):

GENTILE JR., John J.

IV. REQUESTS FOR APPRENTICESHIP EXTENSION:

DRAPANIOTIS, Christopher P. (McHugh Funeral Home)

TRAVERS, Andrea J. (Davis Funeral Home)

CHRISTOPHER, Ashlee L. (Zis-Sweeney Funeral Home)

COOPER, Richard W. (Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory)

LEBLANC, Rebecca N. (Tasker Funeral Home)

V. LICENSE REINSTATEMENT:

SARGENT, Roger E. – Reinstatement withdrawn.

VI. FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY INSPECTIONS:

Approved - Application for License to Operate a Crematory submitted by Marc L. Hebbelinc (Goundrey & Dewhirst Funeral Home)

Letter from B. Edward Bryant effective 10/1/20 Bryant Funeral Homes, LLC and Androscoggin Valley Crematory, LLC purchased Berlin Funeral Service Inc. d/b/a Fleury-Patry Funeral Home and All Care Crematory, LLC from Glenn Ward.

Passed - Merrimack Cremation Service (Merrimack) completed 09/14/20 by Eric P. Rochette

Passed - Emmons Funeral Home (Bristol) completed 07/03/20 by Eric P. Rochette

Tabled - Bailey Funeral Home (Lancaster) completed 09/28/20 by Timothy P. Kenney

Passed - Dupuis Funeral Home (Ashland) completed 10/08/20 by Timothy P. Kenney

VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVED:

National Funeral Directors Association for a webinar entitled “Defusing Conflict in the Arrangement Office” (1 hour) to be held November 12, 2020.

National Funeral Directors Association for a webinar entitled “Supporting Survivors of Suicide Loss: A Guide for Funeral Directors” (1 hour) to be held November 18, 2020.

National Funeral Directors Association for a webinar entitled “The Relevance of Restorative Art” (1 hour) to be held October 22, 2020.

National Funeral Directors Association for a webinar entitled “All Stressed Out and Ready to Blow” (1 hour) to be held October 22, 2020.

New Hampshire Funeral Directors Association 2021 Annual Meeting (6 hours) to be held January 9, 2021 in Meredith, NH.

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| • Managing Your Funeral Home in a Pandemic | 1 hour |
| • The Nature of Workplace Violence | 4 hours |
| • NHFDA Business Meeting | 1 hour |

On a motion made by Timothy P. Kenney seconded by Susan J. Hopkins the board adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan M. Russell, Board Administrator.