

TENNESSEE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

JULY 9, 2019

President Jeff Duffer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1-B, Davy Crockett Tower, Nashville, Tennessee.

Board members present: Jeff Duffer, President; Clark McKinney, Vice President; Dennis Bridges, Robert Davis, Charles Rahm, and Robert Shackelford, III.

Staff present: Robert Gribble, Executive Director; Pamela Spicer, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony Glandorf, Chief Counsel for Regulatory Boards and Consumers Affairs; and Lisa Bohannon, Administrative Manager.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Clark McKinney to approve the Agenda as printed.

Seconded by Charles Rahm

Adopted by voice vote

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Charles Rahm to approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2019 Board Meeting.

Seconded by Robert Davis

Adopted by voice vote

WATSON-NORTH FUNERAL HOME, CREMATION CENTER & MEMORIAL PARK; WHISPERING WINDS CREMATORY; AND THOMAS HENRY NORTH, JR. – PAMELA SPICER, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL, REGULATORY BOARDS DIVISION

Note: President Jeff Duffer recused himself from participation in these matters, and President Duffer yielded the chair to Vice President Clark McKinney during these proceedings.

Pamela Spicer, Assistant General Counsel, presented an Agreed Order of Dismissal for the Board's consideration regarding Watson-North Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Memorial Park; Whispering Winds Crematory; and Thomas Henry North, Jr.

A motion was made by Charles Rahm to accept the Agreed Order of Dismissal.

Seconded by Robert Davis

Adopted by voice vote

Board member(s) voting contrary to the conclusion: Robert Shackelford, III

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:
ROBERT B. GRIBBLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

A Notify was sent on June 24, 2019, by the Department of Commerce and Insurance to those individuals who had signed up previously to receive notifications from the Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

The Notify contained the following information:

Funeral Board Notify

You are receiving this message because you have signed up for notifications regarding the Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. On April 18, 2019, revisions were made to Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-5-307 removing the U.S. citizenship requirement to obtain an Embalmer license.

The public chapter: <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/111/pub/pc0161.pdf>

If you have specific legal questions, it is appropriate to consult a private attorney. For general questions please contact us at anthony.glandorf@tn.gov.

LICENSEE REPORT:

**REPORT OF LICENSES ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO BOARD AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD OF
JUNE 11, 2019 – JULY 8, 2019**

Establishment(s)

Adair Funeral & Cremation Services
Hohenwald, TN

Type of Action(s)/Change(s)

New Establishment

Assurant Cremation Services of
Middle Tennessee, LLC
Shelbyville, TN

New Establishment

Individual(s)

Cody Lee Prince
McMinnville, TN

Type of License(s)

Funeral Director and Embalmer

Stacey Lee Wagner
Nashville, TN

Funeral Director and Embalmer
Reciprocity – Illinois

Joseph N. Greenfield
Chattanooga, TN

Funeral Director

DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT:

These are Consent Orders that have been administratively accepted / approved by the Executive Director pursuant to Board authority and as reported on the May 2019 Regulatory Boards Disciplinary Action Report:

Respondent: Justin Joseph Ford, Memphis, TN
Violation: Failure to comply with T.C.A. § 56-1-109, § 56-1-312, or T.C.A. § 36-5-706
Action: Suspension of Funeral Director and Embalmer Licenses

OPEN COMPLAINT REPORT:

As of July 9, 2019 there were 33 open complaints.

A motion was made by Clark McKinney to accept the Executive Director’s Report.

Seconded by Charles Rahm

Adopted by voice vote

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Clark McKinney to adjourn.

Seconded by Charles Rahm

Adopted by voice vote

The meeting was adjourned by President Jeff Duffer at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Gribble

Robert B. Gribble, CFSP
Executive Director