

Louisiana State Board of Embalmers And Funeral Directors

Minutes of the Meeting

For

November 17, 2022

Board Members present:

Rodney McFarland , President

Willie P. Davis, Jr. , Vice President

Terry Luneau , Secretary

Shelton Dixon, Treasurer and Consumer Representative

Stephen Boudreaux

Juan Joseph

Maurice Southall

Louis Charbonnet

The meeting was called to order by the Board's President, Mr. McFarland, at 10:00 AM, at the Board's office, located at 3500 N. Causeway Blvd. Ste. 1232, Metairie, Louisiana. Also, present was Kim W. Michel, Executive Director, Heidi L. Penouilh, Executive Assistant, Marybeth Harrington, Inspector, R. Demale Bowden, Jr., Inspector, and Christopher Lento, AAG, General Counsel. Mr. McKNeely was not present for today's meeting.

Mr. McFarland noted that;

According to LA R.S. 37:832, the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors purpose is for regulating funeral establishments, crematories, embalmer and funeral directors, funeral directors, retort operators and individuals engaged in the care and disposition of the deceased and to handle consumer complaints.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Bass commented on the inspection reports regarding photos and notes and the board's authority.

Boyd Mothe, Jr. noted that he is expecting to meet with the Laws and Rules Committee regarding some of the inspection regulations and stated that the board needs to get with the Associations to develop better procedures.

The purpose of today's meeting is to review the inspection report and clarify items and/or remove items.

- Line 1. regarding current licenses displayed, was discussed and the consensus is that it should be displayed publicly, however, the statute, LA R.S. 37:843; Registration and display of certificate
- A. The board shall register each certificate in the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health.
 - B. Each certificate holder shall display his certificate in a conspicuous place in his office or place of business.
- Amended by Acts 1977, No. 283, §3; Acts 1977, No. 684, §3; Acts 2018, No. 206, §3.
- Line 2. GPL, CPL, OBCPL no change
- Line 3. Funeral records on site (manual or electronic); it was unanimous by vote that three to five files be reviewed.
- Lines 4-8. No changes
- Line 9. Regarding furnishings; it was unanimous by vote to remove line 9 language.
- Line 10 – 11. No changes
- Line 12. With regard to being properly equipped; it was unanimous by vote to remove temporarily.

Line 13-16; No changes

Line 17. Clarification was made that this refers to the inside of the embalming room specifically the hydro-aspirator. But no changes needed.

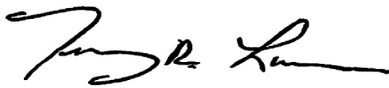
Line 18 – 36. No changes

The board, by unanimous vote, will seek an Attorney General’s opinion with regard to “conspicuous” as noted in LA R.S. 37:843 re display of licenses; as well as taking photographs and commenting on the inspection reports.

By a unanimous vote, it was decided that the eyewash and shower notation remain on the inspection report.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded.



Terry Luneau, Secretary



Rodney McFarland, Sr., President

