

OKLAHOMA FUNERAL BOARD
3700 North Classen Blvd, Suite 175
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

MEETING PLACE: Office of Chief Medical Examiner OKC, 921 N.E. 23rd Street Conference Room 1st Floor Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

DATE & TIME: April 13, 2023 10:00AM

A copy of this notice of meeting and agenda has been posted in a prominent location at the office of the Oklahoma Funeral Board, 3700 North Classen Blvd Suite 175, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 10, 2023 at 12:30PM. A copy of this agenda is available on the Funeral Board website at www.ok.gov/funeral

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ORDER OF BUSINESS: The Board may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, change the sequence of any agenda item, or decide not to discuss any item on the agenda.

- 1. Roll Call-** Members Highberger, Matherly, and Roberts were present.
- 2. Approval of the March 9, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes -**Approved
- 3. Oklahoma Funeral Director Association Update from a Representative of OKFDA-** Dustin Pierce with OKFDA provided the following update: Convention will be April 23-25 at Embassy Suites in Norman. 11 hours of CE is offered. Visit OKFDA's website for the details.
- 4. Oklahoma Insurance Department Update from a Representative of OID-** Annual reports were due March 15. OID will review those soon.
- 5. Review complaints with possible vote for probable cause or other action**

22-44 Body Issues- Dismissed

23-30 Non-Payment Vendor- Dismissed with a letter of concern

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23-36 Death Certificate Issues- Dismissed

23-37 Next of Kin Issues- Dismissed

23-38 Body Intake Log-Found Probable Cause

23-39 Harassment- Dismissed

23-41 Unsatisfactory Service- Dismissed

23-42 Next of Kin Issues- Dismissed

23-43 Body Intake Log- Found Probable Cause

6. Vote to affirm or disaffirm the issuance of the following licenses, registrations, certificates, dissolution or other action

A. Apprenticeship (Original)-All approved

1. Alexandria Nimsey, Lexington, Alpha and Omega, OKC
2. Jackie Burch, Antlers, Serenity FS, Antlers (FD Only)
3. Yesenia Martinez, OKC, Resthaven, OKC
4. Jillian Krieger, Noble, Corbett, OKC
5. Dena Cassell, Chattanooga, Lawton Ritter Gray, Lawton
6. Reagan Crenshaw, Edmond, Baggerley FH, Edmond
7. Ruth Ewing, MWC, Smith and Kernke, OKC
8. Troy Wells, (FD Only), Sand Springs, Dillon FS, Sand Springs
9. Chris Main, McAlester, Brumley Mills, McAlester

B. Apprenticeship (1st extension)-1 and 2 were tabled, 3 was approved

1. Lorna Schofield, Stillwater, Green Country FH, Tahlequah
2. Hilda Rubio, Moore, John Ireland, Moore
3. Holland Dugdale, Glenpool, McClendon Winters, Okmulgee

C. Funeral Director and/or Embalmer (Reciprocal)-**1 and 3 were tabled, 2 was approved for fd only**

1. Stuart Thompson, Texas
2. James Williams, Kansas
3. Mark Mead, Texas

D. Funeral Director and/or Embalmer (Original)-**1 and 4 were tabled, 2,3, and 5 were approved**

1. Chad Austin, Boswell
2. Addison Ray, Clinton (FD Only)
3. Haley Ireland, Moore (EM Only)
4. Jessica Ramirez, Purcell (FD Only)
5. Madisyn Tolle, Purcell

E. Establishments- **All approved**

1. Hart Funeral Home, Stilwell, request to change FDIC from Brian Kester to John Keath
2. Hart Funeral Home, Tahlequah, request to change FDIC from Brian Kester to John Keath
3. Affordable Cremation Service-West, Sayre, New Establishment, Affordable, Inc., Owner, Christopher Whinery, FDIC

7. **New Business.** Any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda or any revised agenda. 25 O.S. Section 311.9.

8. **Executive Director's Report**

A. Agency Financial Update- Mr. Stiles reported gross receipts for March 2023 to be \$15,540.00 with \$544.50 going to the State of Oklahoma general fund. The expenses for the same timeframe totaled \$37,769.59 and net income after expenses totaled -\$22,774.09

B. New Funeral Board Website-The Funeral Board will update their website in the coming weeks. This is free of charge for the agency.

C. 2023 Legislation Update: HB 1074, HB2240, HB2807, SB128, SB161, SB707, SB722

HB 1074, by Rep. Smith, allows for unlicensed individuals to sell caskets.

Passed out of committee and did not make it to the House Floor. This is dormant for this year.

HB2240, by Rep. Dobrinski, lowers the age of licensure from 20 to 18. Passed out of the House and already passed the Senate committee.

HB2807, by Rep. Kendrix, extends the sunset of the Funeral Board for 5 years.- Language was changed to remove the sunset. Passed out of House and is now in the Senate.

SB128, by Sen. Rogers and Sen. Sims, adjusts provisions of Cemetery Merchandise Trust Act. Dormant for this year.

SB161, by Sen. Daniels, extends the sunset of the Funeral Board for 1 year.- Passed out of the Senate and is now in the House. This has passed out of House committee.

SB707 by Sen Rosino, extends the amount of time for a physician to complete the medical portion of the Death Certificate to 5 days after receipt of the partial certificate. This has passed the Senate and passed from House Committee

SB722, by Sen. Stewart, prohibits first responders and funeral home staff from transmitting photo or video of collisions or crime scenes. Passed out of the Senate and already passed the House committee.

9. Adjournment -10:17AM

Tyler Stiles, MBA
Executive Director

The next regular meeting of the Oklahoma Funeral Board will be held: **May 11, 2023. Office of Chief Medical Examiner –OKC 921 N.E. 23rd Street Conference Room – 1st Floor Oklahoma City, OK 73105.**