

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: May 14, 2026 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 May 11, 2026 at 10:00AM. A copy of this agenda is available on the Funeral Board website at www.oklahoma.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 Corbett, Davenport, Dunn, Matherly, Sparks, and Watkins were present. Member Coble was absent.
2. **Approval of the April 9, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes** – Approved
3. **Oklahoma Funeral Director’s Association Update from a Representative of OKFDA, with possible discussion** -Dustin Pierce reported HB3260, by Rep. Culver, adds OKFDA as an approver of continuing education classes was signed by the Governor. HB 3660, by Rep. Dempsey, creates licensure for Natural Organic Reduction was vetoed by the Governor. HB4322, by Rep. Kendrix, changes the requirements for FDIC and removing the embalmer requirement was signed by the Governor. OKFDA fought hard at the Capitol against HB4322.

On July 12-14, OKFDA will have the Women’s Conference. At the 2026 Convention, John Dekker became the Association President. Member Sparks thanked the Association for their hard work.

4. **Oklahoma Insurance Department Update from a Representative of OID, with possible discussion**- OID will send out letters for examination soon.
5. **Oklahoma Department of Health Update from a Representative of OKDH, with possible discussion**-Health Dept hours will be every other Friday from 10-12. The Health Dept will provide webinars on the third Monday and Tuesday for CE.

6. **Discussion and possible action for approval of Health Department Webinars for CE for 2026**-Webinars offered by the Health Department will count as CE for 2026. Only one webinar can be used. Webinars count as online CE.

7. **Review complaints with possible vote for probable cause or other action**

- 26-36 Next of Kin Issues-Dismissed
- 26-37 Next of Kin Issues-Dismissed
- 26-38 Unlicensed Practice-Probable Cause
- 26-40 Next of Kin Issues-Dismissed
- 26-42 Vendor Issues-Dismissed
- 26-45 Vendor Issues-Dismissed
- 26-46 Next of Kin Issues-Dismissed
- 26-47 Cremation Permit Issues-Dismissed
- 26-48 Overcharging-Dismissed
- 26-49 Cremated Remains Issues-Dismissed
- 26-50 Vendor Issues-Probable Cause

8. **Matters for consideration: Consent Order, Hearing, Motion to Enforce, or Scheduling Order**

At the conclusion of the parties' presentation and any questions or public discussion by the Board, the Board may in each complaint case:

- i. consider and vote on motion(s) to conduct executive session(s) pursuant to 25 O.S.2011, Section 307(B)(8) to engage in deliberations or rendering a final or intermediate decision in an individual proceeding pursuant to Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act;
- ii. if an executive session is held, designate a person to keep written minutes of the executive session;
- iii. consider and vote on motion(s) to exit executive session and return to open meeting; and
- iv. consider and vote on motion(s) regarding possible action to be taken regarding matter discussed in executive session.

8A. Complaints 23-72, 24-08, 24-20, Heritage Funeral Home and Cremation Services, LLC, OKC, Christopher Harrison, Individual. Member Matherly needs to recuse. The proposed Consent Order was rejected

8B. Complaints 23-16, 25-05, 25-14, 25-17, 26-26, Central Oklahoma Heritage Funeral Directors LLC, OKC, Heritage Funeral Home and Cremation Services, LLC, OKC, Christopher Harrison, Individual. Member Matherly needs to recuse. The proposed Consent Order was rejected

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

A. Apprenticeship (Original)-**All Approved**

1. Sawyer Schreiner, Edmond, Crawford Buchanan F&CS, OKC
2. Ruby Bowman, Collierville, TN, Matthew's FH&CS, Edmond
3. Koby McCarty, Garvin, Miller & Miller FH, Hugo
4. Alexander Patton, Lawton, Alternatives C&FS, OKC
5. Avery Whitford, OKC, Crawford Buchanan FH, OKC

B. Apprenticeship (1st Extension) -**All Approved**

1. Trey Eschiti, Hobart, Ray & Martha's FH, Hobart
2. Lantus Stevenson, Lawton, Whinery-Huddleston FS, Lawton
3. Karsyn Green, OKC, Corbett F&CS, OKC
4. Lynnette Bryant, Guthrie, Smith & Kernke FD, OKC
5. Brandon Suppes, Edmond, Hahn-Cook/Street & Draper FD, OKC
6. Angela Quinlan, McAlester, Chaney Harkins FH, McAlester (FD Only)

C. Funeral Director Assistant (Original)-**1 was denied, 2-6 were tabled**

1. Angela Willoughby, Garvin, Clardy FS, Idabel
2. Darin Haddox, Claremore, MMS-Payne FH&CS, Claremore
3. Brandy Jeffreys, McAlester, Chaney-Harkins FH, McAlester
4. Maranda Brown, Broken Arrow, Brown's F&CS, Coweta
5. Raven Benson, McAlester, Bishop FS&C, McAlester
6. Thaddeus Kassheimer, Ringling, Alexander Gray FH, Wilson

D. Funeral Director and/or Embalmer (Original)-**1 was denied, 3-4 were tabled, 2, 5-7 were approved**

1. Megan Erskine, Durant (FD Only)
2. Teresa Harrelson, Yukon
3. Charlie Grisham, Henryetta (EM Only)
4. Alec Richardson, Cyril (FD Only)
5. Tina Clonts, Jenks (FD Only)
6. Sarah Bell, Edmond (FD Only)
7. Amber Shelley, OKC (FD Only)

E. Establishments-**All Approved**

1. Howard-Harris Funeral Services, OKC, request to change FDIC from Thelma Stevens to Audrey Howard-Harris
2. McElyea & Owens Funeral Group LLC, Shawnee, request to close establishment
3. Legacy Memorial Services, LLC, Shawnee, New Establishment, Legacy Memorial Services LLC, Owner, Derek Henley, FDIC
4. Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Cushing, request to close establishment
5. Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Cushing, New Establishment, PLC-OK Assets, LLC, Delaware, Owner, Dustin Nugent, FDIC
6. Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Oilton, request to close establishment
7. Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Oilton, New Establishment, PLC-OK Assets, LLC, Delaware, Owner, Dustin Nugent, FDIC
8. Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Perkins, request to close establishment
9. Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Perkins, New Establishment, PLC-OK Assets, LLC, Delaware, Owner, Dustin Nugent, FDIC
10. Roberts & Son Funeral Home, Inc., Blackwell, request to close establishment
11. Roberts & Son Funeral Home, Inc., Blackwell, New Establishment, Roberts & Son Funeral Home, Inc, Owner, Michael McElyea, FDIC

F. Crematories-All Approved

1. McElyea & Owens Cremation Services, Shawnee, request to close crematory
2. Chace Family Crematory, Stillwater, request to close crematory

10. 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. **No New Business**

11. Executive Director's Report

A. Agency Financial Update Mr. Stiles reported gross receipts for April 2026 to be \$7,510.00 with \$741.00 going to the State of Oklahoma general fund. The expenses for the same timeframe totaled \$33,105.42 and net income after expenses totaled -\$26,336.42

B. 2026 Legislative Update-No Update

12. Adjournment -10:52AM

Tyler Stiles, MBA
Executive Director

The next regular meeting of the Oklahoma Funeral Board will be held: **June 11, 2026.**
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