



OKLAHOMA Funeral Board

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

OKLAHOMA FUNERAL BOARD
3700 N. Classen, Suite 175
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

May 14, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS

Darin Corbett
John Davenport
Glenn Dunn
Brent Matherly
Jeremy Sparks
Bart Watkins

STAFF

Rochelle Covington
Tyler Stiles
Kylie Cooper, AAG
John Dewey, AAG

MEETING PLACE: MEETING PLACE:

If attending in person at the physical location: Office of Chief Medical Examiner
OKC, 921 N.E. 23rd Street Conference Room 1st Floor
Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

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.ok.gov/funeral

President Matherly called the meeting to order at 10AM. Members Corbett, Davenport, Dunn, Matherly, Sparks, and Watkins were present. Member Coble was absent. A quorum was always present.

Motion by Davenport second by Sparks to approve the April 9, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

OID will send out letters for examination soon.

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.

Motion by Sparks second by Davenport to approve webinars offered by the Health Department to count as CE for 2026. Only one webinar can be used. Webinars count as online CE. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Corbett second by Davenport to dismiss complaint 26-36 regarding Next of Kin Issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Corbett second by Dunn to dismiss complaint 26-37 regarding Next of Kin Issues. The motion passed 5-1 with member Sparks voting Nay.

Motion by Sparks second by Davenport to find probable cause on complaint 26-38 regarding unlicensed practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matherly second by Davenport to dismiss complaint 26-40 regarding Next of Kin Issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Davenport second by Watkins to dismiss complaint 26-42 regarding Vendor Issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Davenport second by Watkins to dismiss complaint 26-45 regarding Vendor Issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Davenport second by Sparks to dismiss complaint 26-46 regarding Next of Kin Issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sparks second by Dunn to dismiss complaint 26-47 regarding cremation permit issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sparks second by Watkins to dismiss complaint 26-48 regarding Overcharging. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Watkins second by Davenport to dismiss complaint 26-49 regarding Cremated Remains Issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Watkins second by Sparks to find probable cause on complaint 26-50 regarding Vendor Issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the matters for consideration: Consent Order, Hearing, Motion to Enforce, or Scheduling Order: Complaints 23-72, 24-08, 24-20, Heritage Funeral Home and Cremation Services, LLC, OKC, Christopher Harrison, Individual. 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. The prosecution was represented by Kylie Cooper, AAG. John Dewey, AAG, was the Board's legal advisor. Members Corbett, Davenport, Dunn, Sparks, and Watkins heard the case. Member Matherly was recused from the case and he left the room.

After the presentation of the agreed upon Consent Order, motion by Sparks second by Davenport to enter executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Davenport second by Sparks to exit executive session. No other items were discussed and no votes were taken while in executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sparks second by Davenport to reject the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Matherly reentered the room.

Motion by Matherly second by Davenport to approve the following: Apprenticeship (Original) Sawyer Schreiner, Edmond, Crawford Buchanan F&CS, OKC; Ruby Bowman, Collierville, TN, Matthew's FH&CS, Edmond; Koby McCarty, Garvin, Miller & Miller FH, Hugo; Alexander Patton, Lawton, Alternatives C&FS, OKC; Avery Whitford, OKC, Crawford Buchanan FH, OKC. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matherly second by Davenport to approve the following: Apprenticeship (1st Extension). Trey Eschiti, Hobart, Ray & Martha's FH, Hobart; Lantus Stevenson, Lawton, Whinery-Huddleston FS, Lawton; Karsyn Green, OKC, Corbett F&CS, OKC; Lynnette Bryant, Guthrie, Smith & Kernke FD, OKC; Brandon Suppes, Edmond, Hahn-Cook/Street & Draper FD, OKC; Angela Quinlan, McAlester, Chaney Harkins FH, McAlester (FD Only). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matherly second by Davenport to deny the following: Funeral Director Assistant (Original), Angela Willoughby, Garvin, Clardy FS, Idabel. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matherly second by Watkins to approve the following: Funeral Director Assistant (Original), Darin Haddox, Claremore, MMS-Payne FH&CS, Claremore; Brandy Jeffreys, McAlester, Chaney-Harkins FH, McAlester; Maranda Brown, Broken Arrow, Brown's F&CS, Coweta; Raven Benson, McAlester, Bishop FS&C, McAlester; Thaddeus Kassheimer, Ringling, Alexander Gray FH, Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matherly second by Davenport to deny the following: Funeral Director and/or Embalmer (Original), Megan Erskine, Durant (FD Only). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matherly second by Sparks to approve the following: Funeral Director and/or Embalmer (Original), Teresa Harrelson, Yukon. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matherly second by Davenport to table the following: Funeral Director and/or Embalmer (Original), Charlie Grisham, Henryetta (EM Only); Alec Richardson, Cyril (FD Only). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matherly second by Davenport to approve the following: Funeral Director and/or Embalmer (Original), Tina Clonts, Jenks (FD Only); Sarah Bell, Edmond (FD Only); Amber Shelley, OKC (FD Only). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matherly second by Davenport to approve the following: Establishments, Howard-Harris Funeral Services, OKC, request to change FDIC from Thelma Stevens to Audrey Howard-Harris; McElyea & Owens Funeral Group LLC, Shawnee, request to close establishment; Legacy Memorial Services, LLC, Shawnee, New Establishment, Legacy Memorial Services LLC, Owner, Derek Henley, FDIC; Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Cushing, request to close establishment; Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Cushing, New Establishment, PLC-OK Assets, LLC, Delaware, Owner, Dustin Nugent, FDIC; Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Oilton, request to close establishment; Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Oilton, New Establishment, PLC-OK Assets, LLC, Delaware, Owner, Dustin Nugent, FDIC; Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Perkins, request to close establishment; Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Perkins, New Establishment, PLC-OK Assets, LLC, Delaware, Owner, Dustin Nugent, FDIC; Roberts & Son Funeral Home, Inc., Blackwell, request to close establishment; Roberts & Son Funeral Home, Inc., Blackwell, New Establishment, Roberts & Son Funeral Home, Inc, Owner, Michael McElyea, FDIC. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matherly second by Davenport to approve the following: Crematories, McElyea & Owens Cremation Services, Shawnee, request to close crematory; Chace Family Crematory, Stillwater, request to close crematory. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no new business

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

2026 Legislative Update-Mr. Stiles did not provide a report

Motion by Davenport second by Sparks to adjourn the meeting at 10:52AM. The motion passed unanimously.

Brent Matherly, Oklahoma Funeral Board President