

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2019
9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order @ 9:04 am by Board Chairman Jeffrey O'Keefe. Board Chairman also made introductions of the Board members and Board staff for visiting parties.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hugh Strebeck
Dianne Biddle
Jeffrey O'Keefe
Luzern Dillon
David Ray

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Della Smith, Executive Director
Gloria Green, Board Attorney
Henry Glaze, Inspector/Investigator
Don Blackwell, Inspector/Investigator
Other interested parties

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. David Ray made the motion to accept the Minutes from the October 22, 2018 meeting. Mr. Hugh Strebeck seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon and O'Keefe
Against: none; Absent: None

APPLICATION REVIEW

Love Funeral Home
Owner: Lashonda Love

Mr. Hugh Strebeck made a motion to go into closed determination. Mr. Luzern Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: Ray

Mr. Hugh Strebeck made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the Establishment application for Love Funeral Home which deliberation could lead to an appeal of the Board's order. Mr.

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David Ray Seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Dillon, and O'Keefe
Against: none; Absent: Ray

The board made the following determination in regards to application for Love Funeral Home:

1. The application for Love Funeral Home is denied due to Ms. Love's failure to comply with a previous Final Order of the Board.

Mr. Luzern Dillon made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Ms. Dianne Biddle Seconded. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: Ray

Board resumed in open session and attendees were advised of the Board's decision. Ms. Love was also advised that the Board was disturbed there was no effort to comply with the Final Order over the past 11 years.

LICENSING

Board Chairman Jeffrey O'Keefe requested a motion to change the order of the Agenda to approve licenses out of consideration for out of town guest.

Mr. Hugh Strebeck made the motion. Mr. David Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon and O'Keefe
Against: none; Absent: none

Ms. Dianne Biddle requested clarification on the ownership of Ludlam Funeral Home. Board staff advised that the owner is Jamie Crowell and the licensee in charge is Jamie Crowell FD-1595.

Mr. Hugh Strebeck made the motion to approve all licenses issued. Ms. Dianne Biddle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon and O'Keefe
Against: none; Absent: none

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Board staff presented a Financial report as if January 2, 2019. Mr. Hugh Strebeck made the motion to accept the Financial Report. Mr. David Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon and O'Keefe
Against: none; Absent: none

OLD BUSINESS

Funeral Director Exam - Board staff provided an update on the status of the exam. There have been two question writing meetings. Morris and McDaniel has requested permission to write less than 150 questions. The Board requested the request be made in writing to amend the contract to 125 questions and include a statement that in their view the lesser number of questions will not affect the validity of the exam.

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Continuing Education - The Board discussed the final dates to get a bill introduced. Board Chairman, Jeffrey O'Keefe will continue to make calls to get a bill introduced. The Board also requested the NFDA and NFDMA be contacted to get bill introduction.

Heritage Cremation - No new complaints

NEW BUSINESS

Disinterment-Board Attorney - Scenario: Wife has remarried since death. Does she have authority to move the body. It was determined that this is not under the Board's authority.

Reciprocity - Jeffrey O'Keefe, Board Chairman requested discussion on process changes for reciprocity with the creation of the new Funeral Director exam. The Board agreed applicant's would be considered on a case by case basis.

Shipping Cremains - Board staff requested the Board's opinion on the Funeral Establishment's responsibility when mailing cremains to customers. The Board authorizes the Board attorney and Board staff to write rules and present to the Board for development.

Information on website-Board staff requested permission to include license numbers and license status on the website. Board agreed this information could be added.

Jeffrey O'Keefe, Board chairman requested an update on disciplinary action posted on the website. Board staff was advised to create a Board disciplinary page to be completed within 30 days.

Board meeting calendar- The next Board meetings are scheduled for 4/1/2019, 7/1/2019, and 10/7/2019 @ 9:00 am.

Board member recommendations-Board staff provided an update.

COMPLAINTS

The Board requested a count of open complaints at the next board meeting.

143799693 Rosalyn Moore vs T.L. Redmon Funeral Home (FE-496) and Trexlor L Redmon (FS-0652)
Recommendation of stipulation order.

Mr. Hugh Strebeck made the motion to enter into a stipulation order with the Respondent. Ms. Dianne Biddle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon and O'Keefe
Against: none; Absent: none

380386774 Recommendation to dismiss, no violations found.

Mr. David Ray made the motion to dismiss. Mr. Luzern Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon and O'Keefe
Against: none; Absent: none

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1072102809 Recommendation for hearing.

Mr. David Ray made the motion to schedule complaint for a hearing at the next scheduled Board meeting on April 1st. Ms. Dianne Biddle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon and O'Keefe

Against: none; Absent: none

ADJOURNMENT

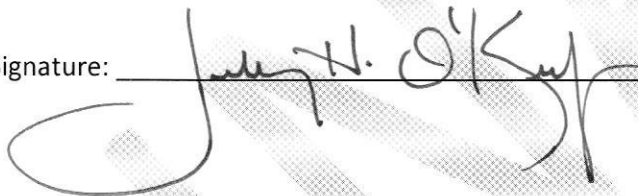
Ms. Dianne Biddle made the motion to adjourn.

Mr. David Ray seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Approval Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James H. O'Keefe", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.