

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 9:30 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
Third Floor – Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from the November 2, 2017 meeting.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion with the Department of Public Health regarding an alternative to the current national board examination and requirements for initial licensure.

ADJOURN

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on November 2, 2017 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in the third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell L. McClam, Embalmer – Chairman
Gerald Bosak, Jr., Embalmer
Frank W. Carmon, IV, Embalmer
Agnes Pier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health
Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer

The meeting convened at 9:32 a.m.

I. OPEN FORUM

Daniel Jowdy, former Chairman of the Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors; Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt; Tania Porta, Embalmer; Janice Giegler, Town Clerk Danbury; Robert Ruggiero, Executive Director, Metropolitan Funeral Directors Association of New York City addressed the Board regarding the issue of licensees who have had their scores on the national board examination invalidated by the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards. Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation also addressed the Board regarding this matter.

II. MINUTES

The June 22, 2017 and August 29, 2017 minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Carmon, seconded by Mr. Bosak.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigation Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there are ten cases currently in various stages of investigation by the Department.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pre-Need Funeral Contracts

Miriam Kluger and Maryellen Duffy were present from the State Office of Public Accounts to inform the Board that over the next six months a number of State agencies will be contacted as part of a review of the current policies and procedures pertaining to pre-need funeral contracts that may result in changes to current statutes and regulations.

B. Schedule Meeting Dates for 2018

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2018:

January 25, 2018

March 27, 2018

June 14, 2018

September 18, 2018

December 6, 2018

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:30 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

C. Discussion of Public Act No. 17-146, Section 24

The Board discussed section 24 of Public Act 17-146 which provides that the Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors and the Department of Public Health shall not take any disciplinary action pursuant to section 20-227 of the general statutes against a licensed embalmer or funeral director who received notification on or before October 1, 2017, that the licensee's score on the national board examination was invalidated as a result of the invalidation of such score if the licensee retakes and successfully completes the prescribed examination not later than October 1, 2018. The Board commented that this public act needs to be repealed

The Board also commented that it may be time to discuss an alternative to a national board examination and potential changes to requirements for initial licensure in Connecticut. The Board scheduled a meeting to be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017 to discuss these issues with the Department of Public Health.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Bosak, seconded by Ms. Pier.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell L. McClam - Chairman
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors