Louisiana State Board of Embalmers And Funeral Directors

Minutes of the meeting on: May 5, 2016

Board Members present:
Louis Charbonnet, III, President
Kelly Rush Savoy, Vice President
S. J. Brasseaux, Secretary
Gerard Schoen, III, Treasurer
Edward L. Muhleisen
Maurice Southall
Margaret Shehee

The meeting was called to order by the Board's President, Louis Charbonnet, III at 1:15 PM, at the Board's office located at 3500 N. Causeway Blvd. Suite 1232, Metairie, Louisiana. Also present was Kim W. Michel, Executive Director, Dianne T. Alexander, General Counsel, M. Jude Daigle, Inspector and Heidi L. Penouilh, Administrative Coordinator II. Mr. Cox and Mr. Dansby were not present at today's meeting.

Due to Mr. Southall's appointment to the Board for District D, who will replace Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sanders' position as Secretary was voted on at today's meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Rush, seconded by Ms. Shehee and unanimously passed that Mr. Brasseaux be appointed as Secretary for the Board.

The purpose of today's meeting was for the formal hearings as outlined below;

COMPLIANCE HEARING(s):

Present were:

Harry Vorhoff, Assistant Attorney General as Hearing Officer

Chanel R. Debose, Prosecuting Attorney

Dianne T. Alexander, General Counsel

Niles T. Hamer, Defense Attorney

Joseph Wilturner, Jr., Defendant

Anita Marigny, Complainant

Yvonne Moore, Complainant

Alan Breaux, Witness

In the Matter of Joseph Wilturner and Wilturner Funeral Home, Crowley

I. In the Matter of Anita Marigny vs Joseph Wilturner and Wilturner Funeral Home, Crowley was convened at 1:30 PM

Motion was made by Ms. Rush, seconded by Mr. Brasseaux and unanimously passed that this hearing be concluded at 4:15 PM.

II. In the Matter of Yvonne Moore vs Joseph Wilturner and Wilturner Funeral Home, Crowley was convened at 4:15 PM.

Motion was made by Ms. Rush, seconded by Ms. Shehee and unanimously passed that this hearing be concluded at 5:40 PM.

Motion was made by Mr. Schoen, seconded by Mr. Brasseaux and unanimously passed that the Board move into Executive Session at 5:45 PM for the purpose of discussing the hearings and possible sanctions.

Motion was made by Mr. Schoen, seconded by Mr. Brasseaux and unanimously passed that the Board move out of Executive Session at 5:55 PM.

A directive was issued by the Chair that the Board will take the matters that were heard today under advisement and that the Board will meet within thirty days to decide upon the matters.

It was also noted by the Chair that Mr. Wilturner's individual license as well as the establishment license for Wilturner Funeral Home, continue to be voluntarily suspended until the Board's next meeting at which time a determination will be made as to the hearings that were heard today.

S.J. Brasseaux, Secretary

Louis Charbonnet, III - President Approved with date to be determined

