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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

9:30 AM

The meeting will be held at the LSBEFD office and streamed online via Teams. The Teams link is available on the LSBEFD's website homepage and provided below.

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Mission: The Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors was formed in 1914 under legal citation R.S. 37:831 for the purpose of regulating funeral establishments, crematory authorities, embalmer and funeral directors, funeral directors and retort operators who are engaged in the care and disposition of the deceased to protect the public, safety, and welfare.

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Pledge of Allegiance
- 5) Public Comments
- 6) Consent Agenda
 - a. Executive Director's Report
 - b. Financial Report – FY 25.26 Budget Projection v Actual to Date, FY 24.25 Audit report
 - c. Inspector's Report
 - d. Complaint Review Report
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 2025 meeting
- 8) Unfinished Business
- 9) New Business
 - a. Amendment to Contract for Chanel R. Debose
 - b. Inspections:
 - i. Cameras in the embalming room
 - ii. New establishments covered areas
 - iii. Refrigeration at stand-alone crematories
 - c. Discussion regarding fee increase
 - d. Discussion regarding restructuring of Complaint Review Committee

- e. Website and database
 - f. Election of new officers
 - g. Notarization requirement for the board's continuing education roster
- 10) Disciplinary Matters*
- a) 23.24.0034 / 24.25.0004 Contempt Hearing in the Matter of White Oaks Funeral Home, Gregory Strother, Oakdale
 - b) 24.25.0039 / 24.25.0044 Formal Hearing in the Matter of White Oaks Funeral Home, Gregory Strother, Oakdale
- 11) Executive Session (pursuant to LA R.S. 42:17)
- a. Report on Litigation
 - 1. Marybeth Harrington v LSBEFD - Nicholas Oshea Barber-Cypress Funeral Services, CDC Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, Docket # 20124-00124
 - 2. Gary Lewis, New Orleans Funeral and Cremation Service v LSBEFD, CDC Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, Docket # 2024-06195
 - 3. Gary Lewis, New Orleans Funeral and Cremation Service v LSBEFD, CDC Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, Docket # 2024-06196
 - 4. Gary Lewis, New Orleans Funeral and Cremation Service v LSBEFD, CDC Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, Docket # 2025-00465
 - b. Personnel Matters
 - i. Evaluations
- 12) Closing Remarks
- 13) Adjournment

*The LSBEFD reserves the right to go into executive session pursuant to LA R.S. 42:17(A)(4) for disciplinary matters and to review admission and consents, stipulated agreements, and/or settlements related to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. However, no final or binding action will be taken during executive session.

NOTE: This agenda is tentative until 24 hours in advance of the meeting, at which time the most recent revision becomes official.

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