



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board Meeting

Tuesday April 21, 2026 9:00 A.M.

Suite 1232, The Executive Towers 3500 N. Causeway Boulevard Metairie, LA 70002

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.*

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- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Pledge of Allegiance
- 5) Public Comments
- 6) Consent Agenda
 - a. Executive/Deputy Executive Director/Inspector's Report
 - b. Financial Report – FY 25.26 Budget Projection v Actual to Date
 - c. Complaint Review Report
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2026, meeting
- 8) Unfinished Business
 - a. Report from the Inspector/Investigator Committee
 - b. Updates on House and Senate Bills
- 9) New Business
 - a. Resolutions – Bryant Mitchell, Sr., Thaddeus Richardson Jr., & Annie Rollins
 - b. Attorney contract amendment – September 2026 for Breazeale Sachse and Wilson, LLP
 - c. Attorney contract amendment – October 2026 for John W. Becknell, Hearing Officer
 - d. Attorney contract amendment – August 2026 for Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, L.L.C.
 - e. Monthly Intern Reporting going to Online Submission
- 10) Disciplinary Matters*
 - a. Board Staff Follow-Up 25.26.0019/25.26.0016 - Admission and Consent In the Matter of White Oaks Funeral Home, Gregory Strother, Oakdale
 - b. Formal Hearing:
 - i. In the Matter of Wilfred Fields, Fields Funeral Home, L. L.C., and Mike Collado
- 11) Executive Session (pursuant to LA R.S. 42:17)
 - a. Report on Litigation
 - i. Marybeth Harrington v LSBefd - Nicholaus Oshea Barber-Cypress Funeral Services, CDC Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, Docket # 20124-00124
 - ii. Gary Lewis, New Orleans Funeral and Cremation Service v LSBefd, CDC Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, Docket # 2024-06195
 - iii. Gary Lewis, New Orleans Funeral and Cremation Service v LSBefd, CDC Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, Docket # 2024-06196
 - iv. Gary Lewis, New Orleans Funeral and Cremation Service v LSBefd, CDC Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, Docket # 2025-00465
 - b. Personnel Matters
 - c. General Administrative Matters
- 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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