



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board Meeting

Wednesday July 1, 2026 10:00 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. Deputy Executive Director's Report
 - b. Financial Report – FY 25.26 Budget Projection v Actual to Date
 - c. Complaint Review Report
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2026, meeting
- 8) Unfinished Business
 - a. Legislative Update
 - i. House Bill 1253 - Gracey Claire Rushing Act
 - ii. House Resolution 348
- 9) New Business
 - a. Resolution – Walter Gabriel Pichon III
 - b. Special Recognitions
 - i. Retirement of Mrs. Kim W. Michel, LSBEFD Executive Director
 - ii. Cox Funeral Home Celebrates 70 Years
 - iii. Funeral Establishment: Precious Memories Mortuary- Conducted Services of the Shreveport Eight
 - iv. Emb/FD: Raymond E. Foreman- Conducted Services of the Shreveport Eight
 - c. Funeral Home Voluntary Closure & Surrender of License
 - d. Discussion on Funeral Establishment Change of Manager Process
Title 46 Professional and Occupational Standards Part XXXVII. Embalmers and Funeral Directors
 - e. Complaint Review Committee Structure
 - f. Appointment of R. DeMale Bowden, Jr., CFSP, CCSP as LSBEFD Executive Director
 - g. ICFSEB Regulatory Board Service 101- Delegate Grant
 - h. Resolution to Request for an Attorney General's Opinion – Authority of Power of Attorney Regarding Cremation and Disposition of Human Remains.
- 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
- 11) Executive Session (pursuant to LA R.S. 42:17)
 - a. Report on Litigation
 - i. Marybeth Harrington v. LSBEFD, et al., 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. Review of Applications for Licensure/Internship
- 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Members of the public may deliver written comments regarding agenda matters **before** the meeting by submission to: Mr. R. DeMale Bowden, Jr., CFSP, CSP, Deputy Executive Director at

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