



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board Meeting

Thursday September 17, 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. Executive Director's Report
 - i. Financial Report
 - ii. Inspection Report
 - iii. Compliant Review Committee Report
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2026, meeting
- 8) Unfinished Business
 - a. Proposed Rule Changes from the Laws and Rules Committee - Chapter 11. Funeral Establishments
- 9) New Business
 - a. Resolution – Charles T. Gholson
 - b. Pre- Need – Mitchell Funeral and Cremation Services of Bastrop
 - c. Request to dispose of human cremated remains in accordance with LA RS 37:880 B. (1)
All Souls Day November 2, 2026 – Burial of the Unclaimed & Poor St. John Cathedral – Lafayette
 - d. International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Board Updates
 - e. Approval of 2027 Funeral Director/ Embalmer and Funeral Director/ Funeral Establishment/ Annual Report of Prepaid Funeral Services or Merchandise Renewal Documents
- 10) 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
 - v. Lorna Viator v Gary Patrick Lewis, No. 2026-06874, CDC - Orleans Parish // TPA Claim #C699204463-0001-01
 - b. Personnel Matters
 - c. Licensee License Relinquishment Funeral Director Tracy Jones U-1862- Voluntary
- 11) Closing Remarks
- 12) 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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