



## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board Meeting

Wednesday March 11, 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
  - b. Financial Report – FY 25.26 Budget Projection v Actual to Date
  - c. Inspector's Report
  - d. Complaint Review Report
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2025, meeting
- 8) Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2025, meeting
- 9) Unfinished Business
- 10) New Business
  - a. Resolutions – Clyde McGuire, Shirly Curry, Eugene Washington, Janis Jones, Margaret Shehee Cole, & Adam Laville, III.
  - b. Formation of the Inspector/Investigator Search Committee
  - c. Proposed Rule Changes from the Laws and Rules Committee (Chapters 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 & 23)
  - d. Approval to Re-Enroll in the LA DOJ Occupational Licensing Review Program FY 26-27
  - e. Esperanza Family Funeral Home - Cease and Desist
  - f. Review of House & Senate Bills
- 11) Disciplinary Matters\*
  - a. 25.26.0019/25.26.0016 - Admission and Consent  
In the Matter of White Oaks Funeral Home, Gregory Strother, Oakdale
  - b. 25.26.0024 - Admission and Consent  
In the Matter of Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, Justin Lee, Crowley
  - c. 24.25.0039 AND 24.25.0044 / Contempt Matter: 24.25.0004 – Show Cause  
In the Matter of White Oaks Funeral Home, Gregory Strother, Oakdale
  - d. 23.24.0033 – Show Cause  
In the Matter of Darlene St. Romaine and the entity operating as St. Edwards Funeral Home, Bunkie
- 12) 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
- 13) Closing Remarks
- 14) 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: R. DeMale Bowden, Jr., Deputy Executive Director at [rdbowden@lsbefd.state.la.us](mailto:rdbowden@lsbefd.state.la.us). Additionally, public comment request cards are also available at the sign-in desk next to the sign-in sheet at every board meeting. Online meeting participants may use the "raise your hand" and chat features in Microsoft TEAMS to provide public comments during the meeting.

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