## **Louisiana State Board of Embalmers And Funeral Directors**

Minutes of the Meeting for March 12, 2024

## **Board Members present:**

Terry Luneau , President
Greg McKneely, Secretary
Stephen Boudreaux, Treasurer
Juan Joseph
Rodney McFarland
Willie P. Davis, Jr.
Louis Charbonnet
Maurice Southall

The meeting was called to order by the Board's President, Mr. Luneau, at 9:30 AM, at the Board's office, located at 3500 N. Causeway Blvd. Ste. 1232, Metairie, Louisiana. Also, present was Kim W. Michel, Executive Director, Heidi L. Penouilh, Executive Assistant, R. Demale Bowden, Jr., Inspector, Christopher Lento, AAG General Counsel., Mr. Dixon was not present for today's meeting.

Mr. Luneau began the meeting with the mission statement that: 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.

There were no public comments made at today's meeting.

The Complaint Review Committee presented complaints with their recommendations.

A motion was made by Mr. Southall with a second by Mr. McFarland and unanimously passed to accept the report from the Complaint Review Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. McFarland, with a second by Mr. Southall and unanimously passed that the board move into Executive Session at 9:50 AM.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, with a second by Mr. Southall, and unanimously passed that the board move out of Executive Session at 11:00 PM for discussion of the following.

As to complaint 23.24.0018, a motion was made by Mr. Boudreaux with a second by Mr. Charbonnet and unanimously passed that a "Show Cause" hearing to be scheduled for failure to respond to the complaint within the ten day period.

As to complaint 23.24.0019, a motion was made by Mr. Boudreaux with a second by Mr. Davis and unanimously passed for an informal hearing to be scheduled as soon as possible as well as a re-inspection to be performed with Mr. Luneau and Ms. Michel.

A motion was made by Mr. Southall, with a second by Mr. McFarland and unanimously passed to contact the State Health Department to make a report on the conditions reported by consumers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The next scheduled meeting of the board will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM and the Laws and Rules Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded.

Gregory McKneely, Secretary

Terry Luneau, President

