

IN THE MATTER OF  
STEPHANIE R. NAVARRE  
AND THE ENTITY OPERATING AS  
RHODES FUNERAL HOME  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF EMBALERS AND FUNERAL  
DIRECTORS

FILED: MAY 24 2022

  
CLERK

**FINDINGS OF FACT and DECISIONS of the BOARD**

This matter came before the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors on May 10, 2022 for a ruling on requests issued ordering that Stephanie R. Navarre and the entity operating as Rhodes Funeral Home in New Orleans, Louisiana show cause why she and her firm did not file a timely answer to a complaint filed under complaint number 21.22.0015.

Present:

**CHANEL R. DEBOSE**, Prosecuting Attorney, for and on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, not acting in her capacity as Prosecuting Attorney.

**CHRIS LENTO**, General Counsel, for and on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, via Zoom.

**KIM MICHEL**, Executive Director, for and on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

**STEPHANIE R. NAVARRE** appearing on behalf of herself and the entity operating as **RHODES FUNERAL HOME**.

After considering the law, the evidence, entire record of these proceedings, and the testimony submitted by the parties for a ruling on the Subpoena issued ordering STEPHANIE R. NAVARRE and the entity operating as RHODES FUNERAL HOME to appear before the Board to be a part of the proceedings held on May 10, 2022, the Louisiana Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors rules as follows:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

That STEPHANIE R. NAVARRE is a licensed funeral director, (#U-1305), and a licensed funeral establishment manager, owner and the designated agent for the entity known as RHODES FUNERAL HOME, (#2799), New Orleans, Louisiana, and, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of this Board: that evidence contained within the record of these proceedings, and the statements offered reflect that Stephanie R. Navarre and the entity operating as Rhodes Funeral Home failed to show good cause why they did not file a timely answer to complaint number 21.22.0015.

Stephanie R. Navarre and the entity operating as Rhodes Funeral Home received notice that it was their privilege to be represented by counsel. Stephanie R. Navarre and the entity operating as Rhodes Funeral Home received a subpoena that referred to the subpoena powers granted to the Board under LA R.S. 37:840 A. (4), as well as LA R.S. 37:847).

### CONCLUSIONS

As to **Stephanie R. Navarre and the entity operating as Rhodes Funeral Home**, the Board members found that Stephanie R. Navarre and the entity operating as Rhodes Funeral Home failed to show good cause why they did not file a timely answer to complaint number 21.22.0015.

### DECISION OF THE BOARD

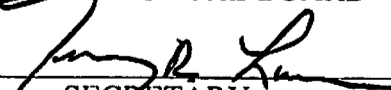
Accordingly, for the reasons as stated and noted herein above;

**IT IS ORDERED BY THE BOARD** that Stephanie R. Navarre, manager, owner, and operator of the entity operating as Rhodes Funeral Home, funeral director's license, (#U-1305) is suspended for ten (10) days beginning May 27, 2022. The ten (10) day suspension will expire on June 5, 2022.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE BOARD** that Stephanie R. Navarre, manager, owner and operator of the entity operating as Rhodes Funeral Home shall notify the Board of the name and license number of the manager who will be managing her firm during the ten (10) days that her funeral director's license is under suspension.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE BOARD** that if Stephanie R. Navarre, manager, owner and operator of the entity operating as Rhodes Funeral Home fails to comply with the orders of the Board, then Stephanie R. Navarre and the entity operating as Rhodes Funeral Home will be required to appear before the Board for further sanctions in accordance with the law.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

  
SECRETARY

Metairie, Louisiana  
May 24, 2022