



Douglas A. Ducey – Governor

Arizona State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers
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Samuel Bueler, Chairman/Industry Member * Amie Gazda, Secretary/Industry Member
Harold Adair, Industry Member * Joe Hornat, Public Member
Helene Bergeon, Public Member * Lemuel D. Cannon, Public Member

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION

Board Meeting Held On:
Tuesday, June 17, 2021 • 2:00 p.m. • Telephonic

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman Samuel Bueler called the Board Meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Members Telephonically

Present:	Samuel Bueler	Chairman/Industry Member
	Amie Gazda	Secretary/Industry Member
	Joe Hornat	Public Member
	Harold Adair	Industry Member
	Lemuel Cannon	Public Member

Board Staff Telephonically

Present:	Natasha Culbertson	Executive Director
	Brandon Eaden	Investigator
	Yazmin Bustamante	Licensing Administrator

**Attorney General's
Office Telephonically**

Present:	Justin Larson	Assistant Attorney General
	Marc Harris	Assistant Attorney General

2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Board Chairman Samuel Bueler read the Board's Statement of Purpose.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

4. LICENSING

A. Funeral Director:

1. Ramon Villagomez (Universal Recognition)

Executive Session:

Board member Amie Gazda moved to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding this matter. The motion was seconded by Lemuel Cannon and carried unanimously 5-0. The open session meeting recessed at 2:23 p.m. for Board members to go into Executive Session. Harold Adair was not telephonically present.

Open Session:

Board members returned to open session at 2:50 p.m. Harold Adair was not telephonically present for the remainder of the Board meeting and was not included in Board motions or voting. Board Chairman Samuel Bueler voiced his concerns that Mr. Villagomez could become the Responsible Funeral Director (RFD) at an establishment if his Funeral Director license was granted but that he did not have education or training for embalming, which he would be overseeing. Board Chairman Bueler was concerned that Mr. Villagomez could potentially be practicing at a higher level in Arizona than what his California license allowed him to practice at in California.

After discussion and review by Board members, Board member Joe Hornat moved to grant the Universal Recognition Funeral Director license application and the motion was seconded by Amie Gazda and carried unanimously 4-0.

B. Establishment:

1. Tucson Cremation, LLC, DBA Tucson Cremation Services

After discussion and review by Board members, Board member Joe Hornat moved to grant the Establishment license application and the motion was seconded by Lemuel Cannon and carried unanimously 4-0.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Lemuel Cannon moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Board member Amie Gazda and carried unanimously 4-0. The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Natasha Culbertson
Executive Director