

ARIZONA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS

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MINUTES

September 20, 2011

1400 West Washington, Basement Conference Room B-1

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reverend Shindel, President
Samuel Bueler, Member
James Ahearne, Member
Kristina Dyrr, Member
Monsignor O'Keeffe

TELECONFERENCE: Martin Crist, Member
John Munden, Secretary, (Departed at
9:40 a.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Alex Estrada, Licensing Administrator
Patricia Keith, Programs & Project Specialist

STAFF ABSENT: Rodolfo Thomas, Executive Director

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:
Keely Verstegan, Asst. Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Reverend Shindel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Steve McCarthy, Funeral Alliance announced to the Board he heard on the 10:00 p.m. news that someone had a full skeleton for sale on Craigslist. Steven McCarthy questioned the Board relative to the legality of such a sale.

II. MINUTES

Monsignor O'Keeffe motioned to approve the minutes of August 16, 2011. Samuel Bueler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0).

III. LICENSING

By motion and second, and motion carrying, the following actions occurred relative to applications for licensure subject to the conditions noted:

NAME	TYPE OF LICENSE	ACTION	MOTION BY	SECOND BY
*Noelle Gaffney	Embalmer	Approved 7-0	O'Keeffe	Bueler
*Kelsey E. Hoover	Embalmer	Approved 7-0	Bueler	Ahearne
*Melissa G. Melin-Miles	Funeral Director, Embalmer	Approved 7-0	O'Keeffe	Bueler
*Lacyn J. Jordan	Funeral Director, Embalmer	Approved 7-0	Bueler	O'Keeffe
*Lietz Crematory	Crematory	Approved 7-0	Bueler	Ahearne
*Caleb E. Heap	Intern	Approved 7-0	Munden	Dyrr
*Robin H. Moon	Intern, Cremationist	Approved 7-0	Ahearne	O'Keeffe
*Melissa E. Johnson	Intern	Approved 7-0	O'Keeffe	Bueler
*Patrick J. Leon	Cremationist	Approved 7-0	O'Keeffe	Bueler
*Maria Del Pilar Dominguez	Cremationist	Approved 7-0	O'Keeffe	Bueler
*Devon R. Greer	Cremationist	Approved 7-0	Ahearne	O'Keeffe
*Refugio Samaniego	Cremationist	Approved 7-0	O'Keeffe	Ahearne
*Gregory S. Young	Cremationist	Approved 7-0	Dyrr	Bueler
*Peter J. Balland, Jr.	Cremationist	Approved 7-0	O'Keeffe	Bueler
*Vanessa R. Romero	Cremationist	Approved 7-0	Bueler	Dyrr
*Courtney D. Austin	Cremationist	Approved 7-0	Dyrr	Bueler
*Katherine L. Alvarado	Cremationist	Approved 7-0	O'Keeffe	Bueler
*Patricia J. Rodriguez	Salesperson	Approved 7-0	Bueler	Dyrr

*Douglas G. Joseph	Salesperson	Approved 7-0	Bueler	Dyrr
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- * Noelle Gaffney appeared before the Board.
- * Kelsey E. Hoover did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Melissa G. Melin-Miles appeared before the Board.
- * Lacyn J. Jordan did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Kristin Lietz, Funeral Director/owner did not attend Board meeting.
- * Caleb E. Heap appeared before the Board.
- * Robin H. Moon appeared before the Board.
- * Melissa E. Johnson appeared before the Board.
- * Patrick J. Leon did not attend Board meeting.
- * Maria Del Pilar Dominguez did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Devon R. Greer did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Refugio Samaniego did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Gregory S. Young did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Peter J. Balland, Jr. appeared before the Board.
- * Vanessa R. Romero did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Courtney D. Austin did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Katherine L. Alvarado did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Patricia J. Rodriguez did not attend the Board meeting.
- * Douglas G. Joseph did not attend the Board meeting.

DOCKETS:

1. 2011-02 David Farlow vs RFD Joann Miguel/South Mountain Mortuary

Present before the Board were RFD Joanne Miguel and Manuel Villelas, Owner/South Mountain Mortuary. Complainant Mr. David Farlow was in attendance and Embalmer's Assistant David Hoyer also was present.

Complaint was filed by Mr. David Farlow after he was given the cremains from his life long partner and he discovered later that he did not possess all of her cremains. Complainant was designated by the decedent as the person to whom all of her cremains was to be given and to be interred in Indiana at a plot next to complainant. Establishment staff divided the cremains into halves, distributing one half to the complainant and the other half to the decedent's family. The Health Care Power of Attorney documentation specifically directed Mr. Farlow to receive the cremains and have them interred in Indiana. Following deliberation and discussion Board member James Ahearne motioned to forward the Initial Review to an Informal Interview. Samuel Bueler seconded motion. Motion passed (4-2).

2. 2011-5 Robert T. Holland’s Safford Funeral Home v. Roach/W. Jackson

Reverend Shindel announced Docket 2011-5 would be sent to an informal hearing.

V. GENERAL

A. Executive Director’s Report

- 1. Alex Estrada, Licensing Administrator will be conducting inspections.**
- 2. The Office of the Auditor General will be auditing the Arizona State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers for Sunset Review.**

VI. ADJOURN

There being no other business, James Ahearne moved to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Sam Bueler seconded the motion (6-0).

2011 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY 18, 2011	MAY 17, 2011	SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
FEBRUARY 15, 2011	JUNE 21, 2011	OCTOBER 18, 2011
MARCH 15, 2011	JULY 19, 2011	NOVEMBER 15, 2011
APRIL 19, 2011	AUGUST 16, 2011	DECEMBER 20, 2011
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Rodolfo Thomas
Executive Director

APPROVED BY:

Reverend Shindel, Member

John Munden, Secretary

James Ahearne, Member

Samuel Bueler, Member

Martin Crist, Member

Kristina Dyrr, Member

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