



**ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF
FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS**

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Harold Adair, Industry Member * Joe Hornat, Public Member
Helene Bergeon, Public Member * Lemuel D. Cannon, Public Member

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION**

**Board Meeting Held On:
Thursday, October 28, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. • Telephonic Only**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman Samuel Bueler called the Board Meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Members Telephonically

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| Present: | Samuel Bueler | Chairman/Industry Member |
| | Harold Adair | Industry Member |
| | Lemuel Cannon | Public Member |
| | Helene Bergeon | Public Member |
| | Joe Hornat | Public Member |

Members Not

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| Present: | Amie Gazda | Secretary/Industry Member |
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Board Staff

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| Telephonically Present: | Natasha Culbertson | Executive Director |
| | Marisa Zavala | Licensing Administrator |

**Attorney General's
Office Telephonically**

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| Present: | Justin Larson | Assistant Attorney General |
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2) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

3) DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST- A.R.S. § 38-503

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

4) REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICANTS

The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-431.03(A)(2) to discuss confidential information or A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) to receive legal advice.

A. Multiple Funeral Director:

1. David Long (Continued from October 19, 2021 Board meeting)

David Long was telephonically present for the review and discussion of his application for licensure.

Board member Helene Bergeon motioned to approve David Long's application for licensure and Board member Lemuel Cannon seconded the motion. A rollcall vote was held; Board members Joe Hornat, Harold Adair and Board Chairman Samuel Bueler voted "nay" and Board members Helene Bergeon and Lemuel Cannon voted "aye". The motion failed and the application for licensure was not granted.

To ensure that the Board formalized its action and the record clearly reflected why the application for licensure was denied, Assistant Attorney General Justin Larson asked that the Board make a second motion to deny the application and to explain why the application for licensure was denied.

Board member Harold Adair motioned to deny David Long's application for licensure based on the fact that other funeral directors are on staff with the establishments and are capable of taking on the responsibility of being the Responsible Funeral Director. Board member Joe Hornat and Board Chairman Samuel Bueler both agreed with Mr. Adair's reasoning behind denying the application for licensure and restated that additional funeral directors were already employed by the establishments and could take on the duties of being a Responsible Funeral Director. The motion was seconded by Board member Joe Hornat. A rollcall vote was held; Board members Joe Hornat, Harold Adair and Board Chairman Samuel Bueler voted "aye" and Board members Helene Bergeon and Lemuel Cannon voted "nay". The motion passed and the application for licensure was denied.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Board member Harold Adair moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Board member Helene Bergeon and carried unanimously 5-0. The Board adjourned at 8:38 a.m.