

Arkansas Insurance Department

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State Board of Embalmers, Funeral Directors, Cemeteries, and Burial Services

MEETING AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Time: 9 AM
Location: Arkansas Department of Commerce
Arkansas Insurance Department
1 Commerce Way
Little Rock, AR 72202
Diamond Mine Room – 2nd Floor

Order of Business: The Board may discuss, vote to approve, disapprove, table, change the order of any agenda item, or decide not to discuss any item on the agenda.

- 1) **Call to Order** – Introduction of Board members and staff.
- 2) **New Business**
 - a) **Embalmers & Funeral Directors – Establishments Seeking Approval**
[A.C.A. §17-29-304 Funeral Establishment – Requirements, §17-29-305 Examinations – Licenses]
 - i) **The Phoenix Cremations (25716).** Requests a Type A establishment license and is located at 5210 S. Industrial Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Inspector Flowers and Taylor inspected the Type A establishment owned by The Phoenix Crematory, LLC (Robinson & Fuller) on **Thursday, September 7, 2023**. The manager of record will be Chuck Fuller, Board ID No. 20926. This location does not offer embalming, direct cremations only. The establishment will use The Phoenix Crematory Company, Board ID No. 25554, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas for their cremations. All required documentation submitted is pending Board approval.
 - b) **Perpetual Care Cemeteries Application – Permit Amendment (§20-17-1011 Permit-Amendment)**
 - i) To consider amendment of permit by **Kirby's Tucker Memorial Cemetery, Cassville** (Permit No.11801), Jason Kirby to construct a columbarium.

c) Funeral Directors and Embalmers – To consider applications for reinstatement

[A.C.A. §17-29-306 Renewal]

- i) Scott T. Wagner– Board ID. No. 23756.** Mr. Wagner allowed his embalmer and funeral director license to lapse in December 2011 for non-payment. [Rule 1 Section 11](#). States that a licensed embalmer and or funeral director who fails to renew his/her license for a period of three (3) years or more must appear before the board for reinstatement and meet the following:

- (1) Was previously licensed by the Board;
- (2) Held his or her license or registration in good standing at the time of licensing or registration;
- (3) Did not have his or her license or registration revoked for an act of bad faith or a violation of a law or rule;
- (4) Is not currently holding a suspended or probationary license, registration, permit, or certification in any other state;
- (5) Is sufficiently competent. Competency may be shown by proficiency testing, letters of recommendation, or both;
- (6) Is able to successfully complete a criminal background check; and
- (7) Has successfully completed at least six (6) hours of continuing education.

Mr. Wagner has completed and submitted the documentation as required above and awaiting approval.

d) Perpetual Care Cemeteries Application- Withdrawal from Permanent Maintenance Fund ([20-17-1013 Permanent Maintenance Fund Generally](#))

- i)** To consider the request of **Rest in Peace Cemetery, Hensley (Permit No. 11848)** from Kennedy Cemetery Acquisitions, LLC (Keven Wolfer) to withdrawal from the principal funds of the perpetual care cemetery trust held at Simmons Bank (Jim Shenep) to pay James A. Rogers Excavating for the completed infrastructure repairs.

3) Complaints

- a) CONSENT AGREEMENT – In the matter of Autumn Ambrozi, Temporary Working Embalmer and Funeral Director License No. 25576, Respondent**
- b) Perpetual Care Cemetery Complaints Deidentified**

4) Financial Updates

5) Future Meeting Date(s)

- a) Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – 9 AM**

- b) Tuesday, November 21, 2023 – 9 AM**
- 6) Comments and Announcements**
 - a) Billy Curl – FTC Meeting Update**
- 7) Adjournment**
- 8) Rules Sub-Committee to follow.**