

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF EMBALMERS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS,
CEMETERIES, AND BURIAL SERVICES**

**IN THE MATTER OF
Hicks Funeral Home, Inc.,
Board ID # 20329 and
Gloria McFadden, Board ID # 21370,
Respondents**

Case No. 19-26

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

A hearing on the above-referenced matter was held before the Arkansas State Board of Embalmers, Funeral Directors, Cemeteries, and Burial Services (the "Board") on May 19, 2020, in the cafeteria/restaurant area on the 1st Floor of the Department of Commerce building, located at 1 Commerce Way, Little Rock, AR 72202. The Respondent, Gloria McFadden, appeared individually and on behalf of the establishment. Amanda Gibson, Associate Counsel, Arkansas Insurance Department, appeared on behalf of the Board. Finding proper notice was given to the Respondent, the Board, from all the evidence presented, issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent McFadden is the manager of Hicks Funeral Home.
2. Respondent McFadden is a licensed funeral director.
3. The complainant in this matter is Brandee Walker, the ex-wife of the deceased.
4. The deceased is Alex Walker, who died on February 15, 2019.
5. The siblings of the deceased made arrangements for the services.
6. Respondents were aware of the existence of the deceased's adult son, David Walker.
7. Respondents, however, made arrangements with the siblings of the deceased.

8. Respondents advised the siblings of the deceased that arterial embalming was not feasible due to the nature of the injuries sustained by the deceased in a vehicle accident.
9. The siblings opted for an immediate burial, which occurred on February 18, 2019.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

From the testimony and evidence presented to the Board, the Board determined that no laws or rules of the Board were violated by the Respondents.

ORDER

Because the Respondents were not found to have violated any laws or rules of the Board, this case is hereby **DISMISSED**.

Pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212, the Respondent may petition for judicial review of this decision by filing a petition in the Circuit Court of the county in which he resides or does business, or in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, within thirty (30) days after service of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, [REDACTED], 2020

**STATE BOARD OF EMBALMERS,
FUNERAL DIRECTORS,
CEMETERIES, AND BURIAL
SERVICES**

By:



Amanda Gibson
Counsel for the Board