

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
Tyler Wayne Jones, Applicant for Apprentice  
Funeral Director, Respondent**

**Case No. 19-28**

**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 November 19, 2019, at the Arkansas Insurance Department, First Floor Hearing Room, 1200 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Little Rock. The Respondent, Tyler Wayne Jones, appeared. Amanda Gibson, Associate Counsel at the 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 is employed at CedarVale Funeral Home in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.
2. On September 30, 2019 Respondent submitted an application for registration as an apprentice funeral director.
3. On April 4, 2017, Respondent pled guilty in Montgomery County, Arkansas to breaking and entering and theft of property. Respondent disclosed the convictions on his application.
4. On April 4, 2017, Respondent was sentenced to a term of probation of 72 months.

5. Respondent was granted early release from probation on April 9, 2019 after paying all fees and costs and graduating from two drug court programs.

### **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Respondent's convictions, as set forth in the Findings of Fact 3 and 4 above, constitute a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-29-302(a)(6)(A) in that Respondent's felony convictions prevent him from being able to pass the State Police criminal background check.

### **ORDER**

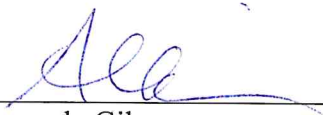
Based upon the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, the Board hereby orders that Respondent Tyler Jone's application to register as an Apprentice Funeral Director, notwithstanding his felony convictions, is **GRANTED**.

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 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.**

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

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