

# Arkansas Insurance Department

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

## MEETING AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Arkansas Insurance Department  
1200 West Third Street  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Room  
Little Rock, AR 72201

**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. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Administrative**
  - a. **Approval of the October 30, 2018, meeting minutes;**
  - b. **Approval of the December 4, 2018, meeting minutes;**
  - c. **Approval of the January 8, 2019, meeting minutes; and**
  - d. **Approval of the March 20, 2019, teleconference meeting minutes.**
4. **Robert Akers, Funeral Services Division Director**
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Embalmers & Funeral Directors – Establishments Seeking Approval**  
[A.C.A. §17-29-304 Funeral Establishment – Requirements and §17-29-305 Examinations – Licenses]
    - i. **Lewis Funeral Chapel – Board ID No. 25116.** Requests a **Type A** establishment license and is located at 4817 Kelley Highway, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Inspector Stokes inspected the Type A Full Service establishment, owned by Lewis Funeral Chapel, Inc., on **Friday, March 22, 2019**. The manager of record will be Thomas Joel Lewis, Board ID No. 23607 and Aaron Beasley Embalming Service, Board ID No. 20476 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, is to be performing the embalming under the direction of Aaron Beasley, Board ID No. 23608. Aaron Beasley Crematory, Board ID No. 20560 in Fort Smith will perform cremations. All required documentation

- submitted is pending Board approval. This establishment is currently operating as Lewis-Roberts Funeral Chapel, Board ID No. 20401.
- ii. **Lewis Funeral Chapel – Board ID No. 25117.** Requests a [Type A](#) establishment license and is located at 255 AR 96, Lavaca, Arkansas. Inspector Stokes inspected the Type A Full Service establishment, owned by Lewis Funeral Chapel, Inc., on **Friday, March 22, 2019**. The manager of record will be Thomas Joel Lewis, Board ID No. 23607 and Aaron Beasley Embalming Service, Board ID No. 20476 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, is to be performing the embalming under the direction of Aaron Beasley, Board ID No. 23608. Aaron Beasley Crematory, Board ID No. 20560 in Fort Smith will perform cremations. All required documentation submitted is pending Board approval. This establishment is currently operating as Lewis-Roberts Funeral Chapel, Board ID No. 20428.
  - iii. **Lewis Funeral Chapel – Board ID No. 25118.** Requests a [Type A](#) establishment license and is located at 2911 West Highway 10, Greenwood, Arkansas. Inspector Stokes inspected the Type A Full Service establishment, owned by Lewis Funeral Chapel, Inc., on **Friday, March 22, 2019**. The manager of record will be Thomas Joel Lewis, Board ID No. 23607 and Aaron Beasley Embalming Service, Board ID No. 20476 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, is to be performing the embalming under the direction of Aaron Beasley, Board ID No. 23608. Aaron Beasley Crematory, Board ID No. 20560 in Fort Smith will perform cremations. All required documentation submitted is pending Board approval. This establishment is currently operating as Lewis-Roberts Funeral Chapel, Board ID No. 24543.
  - iv. **Eternal Light Funeral Services – Board ID No. 25128.** Requests a [Type A](#) establishment license and is located at 1103 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Earle, Arkansas. Inspector Stokes inspected the Type A Full Service establishment, owned by Ronald J. Broussard, on **Monday, April 29, 2019**. The manager of record will be Ronald J. Broussard, Board ID No. 24049 and Larry Brown, Board ID No. 22697, is to be performing the embalming. D.E. Cremator Company, Board ID No. 24325 in England will perform cremations. All required documentation submitted is pending Board approval.
  - v. **Gross Crematory – Board ID No. 25113.** Requests a [Type C](#) establishment license and is located at 120 Wright Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Inspector Stokes inspected the Type C Crematory establishment, owned by S.E. Funeral Homes of Arkansas, LLC, on **Thursday, April 4, 2019**. The primary operator will be Justin Nicklas, Board ID No. 21447. Applicants were granted a permit to construct the crematory on January 8, 2019. All required documentation submitted is pending Board approval.
  - vi. **Diamond State Crematory – Board ID No. 25040.** Requests a [Type C](#) temporary operational permit and establishment license and is located at 14980 Industrial Park Dr., Lead Hill, Arkansas. The Type C Crematory establishment is owned by P.J.

Sullivan and Parris Robles. The primary operator will be Parris Robles, Board ID No. 24313. Applicants were granted a permit to construct the crematory on August 21, 2018. All required documentation submitted is pending Board approval.

- vii. **Little Rock Cremations, Inc. – Board ID No. 25013.** Requests a **Type C** temporary operational permit and establishment license and is located at 8801 Knoedl Court, Little Rock, Arkansas. The Type C Crematory establishment is owned by Brad Leggett. The primary operators will be Steve Schade, David Dillahunty, and Monica Knight, all licensed funeral directors. Applicants were granted a permit to construct the crematory by the previous board on June 7, 2018. All required documentation submitted is pending Board approval.
- viii. **Prince Transport Service – Board ID No. 25127.** Requests a **Type D** establishment license and is located at 135 Cooper Road, Rose Bud, Arkansas. Inspector Stokes inspected the Type D Transport establishment is owed by Mike Prince on **Friday, April 12, 2019**. Mr. Prince is the only listed driver for the transport service and he received his blood-borne pathogen training on April 12, 2019. All required documentation is pending Board approval.

**b. Funeral Directors and Embalmers – To consider applications for reinstatement**

[A.C.A. §17-29-306 Renewal]

- i. **Clifton O. Blunt, Sr. – Board ID. No. 20997.** Mr. Blunt allowed his funeral director license to lapse in December 2004 for non-payment. **Rule IX. 4.** States that a licensed embalmer and or funeral director who fails to renew his/her license for a period of five (5) years, in addition to appearing before the Board and paying the required delinquent fees is also required to take and pass the ARLRR exam.
- ii. **Gary Day – Board ID No. 24251.** Mr. Day allowed his funeral director license to lapse in December 2014 for non-payment. **Rule IX. 2.** States that if a licensed funeral director or embalmer that has failed to renew for a period of more than three (3) years, but less than five (5) shall be required to appear before the board and pay the maximum delinquent fees.

**c. Funeral Directors and Embalmers – To consider request from expired apprentice**

[A.C.A. §17-29-302 Funeral Director – Qualifications; Rule V – Apprenticeship]

- i. **Vlanika “Niki” Flonnoy – Board ID No. 24212.** Ms. Flonnoy initially registered March 7, 2013 and re-registered February 1, 2019 with her apprenticeship expiring March 8, 2019. Ms. Flonnoy failed the exam by 7 points on March 8, 2019. **Rule V. 4.** States that if an apprenticeship is not completed within six (6) years of the date of original registration, he or she shall not be eligible to register as an apprentice for twenty-four (24) months.

**6. Hearing**

- a. **In the matter of: Darrius Clay, Applicant for Apprentice Funeral Director; Board ID No. 25074; Case No. 19-07.**

**7. New Business**

**a. Perpetual Care Cemeteries – To consider the complaint(s) on-file with the State Board**

[A.C.A. §23-61-1111 Duties of the State Insurance Department]

- i. **Case No. 19-PCC001 - Pinecrest Memorial Park Cemetery d/b/a Forest Hills Cemetery #11845 (Alexander, AR).** David and Eloise Lewis re: cemetery's inability to locate their paperwork in a timely manner. Paperwork was found. The Lewis's also requested that the Board investigate the cemetery regarding "possible records keeping violations." **Determination:** Staff found no violations of the act and/or the rules. Consumer did receive his paperwork.
- ii. **Case No. 19-PCC002 – Rest Haven Cemetery #11831 (El Dorado, AR).** Marvin Dunn re: condition of the cemetery.
- iii. **Case NO. 19-PCC004 – Arkansas Memorial Gardens #11775 (North Little Rock, AR).** Louise Boone re: marker. **Determination:** Staff found no violations of the act and/or the rules.

**b. Perpetual Care Cemeteries – 2018 Annual Reports – Status Update**

**c. Burial Associations – December 2018 Semi-Annual Reports – Status Update**

**d. Funeral Directors and Embalmers – To consider the complaint(s) on-file with the State Board**

[A.C.A. §23-61-1111 Duties of the State Insurance Department]

**8. Legal Administrative Update**

**9. ARORA Funeral Director Symposium**

**10. Rules Sub-Committee Report**

- a. April 5, 2019 – Billy Curl
- b. May 6, 2019 – Billy Curl

**11. Potential Future Meeting Date(s)**

- a. Tuesday, July 16, 2019 (9:00 a.m.)
- b. Tuesday, September 10, 2019 (9:00 a.m.)

**12. Comments and Announcements**

**13. Adjournment**