

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on March 27, 2018 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in the third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell L. McClam, Embalmer – Chairman – *via telephone*
Frank W. Carmon, IV, Embalmer – *via telephone*
Agnes Pier – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gerald Bosak, Jr., Embalmer

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison
Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Frank Manna, DPH

The meeting convened at 9:35 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The December 14, 2017 minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Carmon, seconded by Ms. Pier.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kimberly Palmerie (Apprentice)

Ms. Palmerie was present by telephone to request from the Board a waiver, pursuant to § 20-211-17, to allow her to work part time as a registered nurse at Waterbury Hospital in addition to working full time as an apprentice.

Mr. Carmon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pier, to approve Ms. Palmerie's request. The motion passed unanimously.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board requests that the Department of Public Health provide an update at the June 14, 2018 meeting regarding the students that are required to retake the license examination pursuant to Public Act No. 17-146, Section 24.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Bosak, seconded by Ms. Pier.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell L. McClam - Chairman
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

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Frank W. Carmon, IV, Embalmer
Agnes Pier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gerald Bosak, Jr., Embalmer

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison
Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Christian Andresen, Section Chief, DPH

The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The March 27, 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Carmon, seconded by Ms. Pier.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Act No. 18-25 Section 9

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations was present for this discussion

This act expands the circumstances under which funeral directors and embalmers are protected from disciplinary actions based on the invalidation of their national board examination score.

Under prior law, if a licensee with such an invalidated score failed to retake and pass the exam by October 1, 2018, his or her license was annulled. Under this act, this penalty applies if the licensee fails to retake the exam by that date or complete the 45 hours of continuing education by July 1, 2019.

Mr. Andresen reported that 18 licensees have been affected by the invalidation of their examination scores. Thus far 6 of those 18 have retaken and passed the examination. The remaining individuals have the option of retaking the exam by October 1, 2108 or completing the continuing education by July 1, 2019.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Carmon, seconded by Ms. Pier.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell L. McClam - Chairman
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on September 18, 2018 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in the third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell L. McClam, Embalmer – Chairman – *via telephone*
Gerald Bosak, Jr., Embalmer – *via telephone*
Frank W. Carmon, IV, Embalmer – *via telephone*
Agnes Pier – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison
Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Christian Andresen, Section Chief, DPH

The meeting convened at 9:33 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The June 14, 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Carmon, seconded by Ms. Pier.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Robert Binkowski, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit provided an update regarding the individuals who have been affected by the invalidation of their examination scores and who have the option of retaking the exam by October 1, 2108 or completing the continuing education by July 1, 2019.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Carmon, seconded by Ms. Pier. The next meeting will be held on December 6, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell L. McClam - Chairman
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on December 6, 2018 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in the third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell L. McClam, Embalmer – Chairman
Gerald Bosak, Jr., Embalmer
Frank W. Carmon, IV, Embalmer
Agnes Pier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison
Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Frank Manna, DPH Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification

The meeting convened at 9:40 a.m.

I. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Bosak initiated a discussion that there is a need for oversight of cemeteries operating in Connecticut. Mr. Bosak explained there are many examples where sexton reports are not properly filed with town clerks, and there is currently no mechanism for consumers and/or funeral industry personnel to report complaints. The Board concurred that the implementation of a regulatory Board should be explored by the Department of Public Health and/or the Department of Consumer Protection.

II. MINUTES

The September 18, 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Bosak, seconded by Mr. Carmon.

III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

David DeRubeis, Embalmer - Petition No. 2016 - 887

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Mr. Bosak made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pier, to reject the Consent Order as written. The motion to reject passed unanimously.

The Board recommends that a period of suspension is warranted in this case.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meoba K. Nsenga (Apprentice)

The Board reviewed a request from Ms. Nsenga asking for a waiver, pursuant to § 20-211-17, to allow her to engage in part time employment in addition to working full time as an apprentice.

Mr. Carmon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bosak, to approve Ms. Nsenga's request. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Schedule Meeting Dates for 2019

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2019:

March 5, 2019

June 13, 2019

September 19, 2019

December 5, 2019

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:30 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Carmon, seconded by Ms. Pier.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell L. McClam - Chairman
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors