

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
May 9, 2025**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Darrell L. McClam, Embalmer, Chairperson
Daniel Jowdy, Embalmer
William Moriarty, Public Member
Edgar Rodriguez, Embalmer

DPH STAFF PRESENT:

Ryan Burns, Deputy Legal Director
Julienne Cutaia, Staff Attorney
Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations
Laura Morris, Public Health Services Manager
Olive Tronchin, Health Program Associate
Paula DelGrego, LMSW, Health Program Supervisor
Dana Dalton, DPH
Betty J. Rozario, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Darrell L. McClam called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

In re: Philip M. Pietras, Embalmer, Burkin Fortin Funeral Home
Petition Nos. 2024-1609, 2024-1620, 2025-206 Julienne Cutaia, Staff Attorney

Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia presented the Motion for Summary Suspension to the Board. Attorney Cutaia appeared on behalf of the Department. Respondent was not present.

Darrell McClam moved to suspend Philip Pietras' license because he poses a danger to our public health safety. Daniel Jowdy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

The hearing is scheduled for May 21, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

ADJOURN

Edgar Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Jowdy seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Darrell L. McClam
Chairperson