

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
July 1, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Edgar Rodriguez, Embalmer

DPH STAFF PRESENT:

Kathleen K. Ross, Legal Director
Ryan Burns, Deputy Legal Director
Aden Baume, Legal Counsel to the Board
Julienne Cutaia, DPH Staff Attorney
Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations
Laura J. Morris, Public Health Services Manager
Olive Tronchin, DPH Health Program Associate
Glendaly Garcia, DPH Supervising Special Investigator
Britany Schaefer, DPH Public Information Officer
Paula DelGrego, LMSW, DPH Health Program Supervisor
Betty J. Rozario, Board Liaison

CALL RO ORDER

Chairperson Darrell L. McClam called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

HEARING

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

The proceedings were digitally recorded.

DPH Staff Attorney Aden Baume, Legal Counsel to the Board, was present to advise the Board Members.

Respondent was not present. Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia appeared on behalf of the Department and presented the case to the Board Members.

Board Exhibits 1 through 16 and Department's Exhibits 1 through 13 were entered as full Exhibits Respondent has not issued any answers, pleadings or Exhibits. The Department moved to deem all allegations admitted pursuant to section 19A-9-20 of the Regulations of Connecticut State agencies.

Darrell McClam moved to deem the allegations admitted pursuant to section 19A-9-20 of the Regulations of Connecticut State agencies. William Moriarty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Following the closing of the hearing, the Board Members conducted fact-finding. Respondent was deemed to have admitted to all of the facts outlined in the Statement of Charges paragraphs 1 through 10. The Board members unanimously found that the Department has proven its case as to all of the allegations outlined in the Statement of Charges.

William Moriarty moved that disciplinary action pursuant to those outlined in paragraph 11 of the Statement of Charges be assessed, seconded by Daniel Jowdy. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Darrell McClam moved to revoke Philip Pietras' Embalmer's license number 2545. William Moriarty seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURN

Daniel Jowdy moved to adjourn the meeting. William Moriarty seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Darrell L. McClam
Chairperson