

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Darrell L. McClam, Embalmer, Chairperson
Edgar Rodriguez, Embalmer
Daniel Jowdy, Embalmer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

William Moriarty, Public Member

DPH STAFF PRESENT:

Aden Baume, Staff Attorney
Frank Manna, License and Applications Analyst
Nathaniel K. Gordon, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Darrell L. McClam called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Daniel Jowdy moved to approve the November 3, 2025, Special Meeting minutes. Edgar Rodriguez, Embalmer, seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CHAIR UPDATES

NONE.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

James McHugh CT

License #2732

Frank Manna, Licensing
Applications Analyst

Frank Manna addressed the Board regarding the reinstatement request, informing the Board that Mr. McHugh last worked in 2014 and wishes to resume his embalming duties. The Board discussed conditions for the approval of the reinstatement, including additional continuing education courses, supervision requirements, and restrictions on the scope of work Mr. McHugh may engage in. Daniel Jowdy moved to approve the reinstatement with conditions. Edgar Rodriguez, seconds the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Licensure Report Updates

Robert Binkowski, MDF Department Health
Systems Regulation Licensing

Daniel Jowdy moved to amend the agenda to add the Report of Mr. Robert Binkowski to the agenda. Edgar Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Robert Binkowski addressed the Board to report on the following funeral home licenses and status updates to those licenses.

Funeral Home	License Number	Updates
1. Smith & Walker Funeral Home in Putnam, CT 2. Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson, CT	Change in Ownership	Manager of Record: Timothy Farner Embalmer of Record: Andrew Farner Transfer of ownership from deceased father Steven Farner
Carriage Services of Connecticut, Inc.	Change in Ownership	Closed the Following Funeral Homes Locations Sold: 1. Redgate Hennessy Funeral Home in Trumbull, CT [New Owner: Milestone funeral Home of CT. as of 12/10/2025] 2. Bergin Funeral Home in Waterbury, CT [New Owner: Milestone funeral Home of CT. as of 12/10/2025] 3. Woodtick Funeral Home in Wolcott, CT [New Owner: Milestone funeral Home of CT. as of 12/10/2025] 4. Lyons Funeral Home in Thomaston, CT [New Owner: Milestone funeral Home of CT. as of 12/10/2025]
Milestone Funeral Home of CT.		Relocated 3 Licenses from the following: 145 East Center Street o Manchester Funeral Home o Affordable Tributes o Blumenstein Funeral Home To: 400 Main Street, Manchester, CT

Melissa Godere	Change in Ownership	Funeral Home Being Sold: Tillinghast Funeral Homes in Danielson, CT o Manager of Record: Melissa Godere o Embalmer of Record: Melissa Godere
Armed Crematorium in Oxford CT	Crematorium	12/19/2025 Armed Crematorium in Oxford CT will be Opening.
Application for a new Alkaline Hydrolysis Unit	Crematorium Lic No. 763	Akhmation of Connecticut Alkaline Hydrolysis Unit 258 Prospect Street, Torrington, CT

2026 Proposed Regular Board Meeting Calendar

Nathaniel K. Gordon, Board Liaison

BOARD/COMMISSIONS	MEETING DATES	LOCATION
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 3, 2026 • June 2, 2026 • September 1, 2026 • December 22, 2026 <p>All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut</p> <p>Board Meetings are held by the Department of Public Health via Microsoft Teams, beginning at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Meetings are open to the public.</p>

Edgar Rodriguez moved to approve the 2026 regular meeting calendar. Daniel Jowdy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

Daniel Jowdy moved to adjourn the meeting. Edgar Rodriguez seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Darrell L. McClam
Chairperson