

The Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors held a meeting on January 26, 2021.

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

The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

I. OPEN FORUM

None

II. MINUTES

The December 3, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Frank Carmon Ms. Pier, seconded by Mr. McClam. Mr. Bosak abstained.

III. DPH Update

State Law Examination

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health, Office of Practitioner Licensing reported that the State Law Examination has been administered virtually. 10 licensure candidates have taken the exam, and all have passed. 5 of the candidates have been licensed and the other 5 will be licensed upon submission of additional application documents.

IV. FACT-FINDING

David DeRubeis, Embalmer – Petition No. 2016-887

Assistant Attorney General, Kerry Colson, was present for this matter. Mr. Bosak abstained from participation in this matter.

Ms. Pier made motion, seconded by Mr. Carmon, to vacate the fact-finding from July 25, 2019 and conduct a new fact-finding. The motion passed.

Following a review of the administrative record Ms. Pier made a motion that paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Statement of Charges were proven and paragraphs 3 and 4 were not proven. The motion passed. The charges in this case will be dismissed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m..

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 March 2, 2021.

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

The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS

I. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Bosak and Mr. McClam reported they recently administered the practical examination to licensure candidates.

There was also discussion regarding disagreements amongst family concerning funeral arrangements; the selling of funeral merchandise by cemeteries.

Mr. Carmon reported of a family complaint concerning Legacy Cremation Services. The Board requested that the Department of Public Health review the complaint

II. MINUTES

The January 26, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion Ms. Pier, seconded by Mr. Bosak.

III. DPH Update

State Law Examination

Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison reported that 16 licensure applicants are eligible for the State Law Examination to be virtually administered. 14 licensure candidates have taken and passed the exam. 7 of the candidates have been licensed

Investigations

Mr. Kardys reported there are 9 cases are currently under investigation by the Department of Public Health.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bosak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carmon, to add a license reenactment application review regarding Daniel Klein to the agenda. The motion passed.

Frank Manna, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented the reinstatement application for Mr. Klein.

Mr. Carmon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boask, to recommend that Mr. Klein's license be reinstated provided he becomes current with continuing education requirements. The motion passed unanimously

V. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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 April 1, 2021.

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

The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS

I. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Kardys reported that the Office of the Governor had recently made a public member appointment to the Board which had to be rescinded because the appointee was in fact a licensed embalmer

The Board again requested that a representative from the Department of Social Services attend a Board meeting to discuss issues.

II. MINUTES

The March 2, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Bosak seconded by Ms. Pier.

III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Wayne T. Mohrlein, Embalmer - Petition No. 2018-1071

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH presented a Consent Order in this matter. Mr. Mohrlein was present but was not represented by counsel.

Mr. Bosak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cameron, to adopt the Consent Order which imposes probation with conditions for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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 June 1, 2021.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell L. McClam, Embalmer, Chairman
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

The meeting convened at 9:03 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS

I. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Carmon discussed the “Catholic Funeral Plan” which appears to be a funeral service contract which is being offered by the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford. The Board is concerned that this offering is a violation of statutes that requires licensure pursuant to Chapter 385. The Board asked that this matter be referred to the Office of the Attorney General and to the Department of Public Health Investigations section.

II. MINUTES

The April 1, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Carmon seconded by Ms. Pier.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Request to be an examiner for practical examinations

The Board reviewed a request from Jodel Vogt, Embalmer License #003127 who is offering to be an examiner for licensure practical examinations.

Mr. Carmon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pier, to approve Ms. Vogt as a practical examiner.

The motion passed unanimously

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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 7, 2021.

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
Robert Binkowski, Inspector, DPH

The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS

I. OPEN FORUM

Mr. McClam discussed difficulty of obtain transcripts from Braidwood College.

Mr. Carmon asked if there has been any progress concerning the Board's request for an investigation regarding the "Catholic Funeral Plan" which was discussed at the June 1, 2021 meeting. Mr. Binkowski replied the matter is still being looked into.

II. MINUTES

The June 1, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Ms. Pier seconded by Mr. Carmon. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Bosak who abstained.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Decision - David DeRubeis, Embalmer – Petition No. 2016-887

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present for this discussion.

Ms. Pier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carmon, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Bosak who abstained.

Request to be an examiner for practical examinations

The Board reviewed a request from Jesse Gomes – License #002948 who is offering to be an examiner for licensure practical examinations.

Mr. Bosak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carmon, to approve Mr. Gomes as a practical examiner.

The motion passed unanimously

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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 14, 2021.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell L. McClam, Embalmer, Chairman
Frank W. Carmon, IV, Embalmer
Daniel Jowdy, Embalmer
Agnes Pier (Public Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Robert Binkowski, Inspector, DPH

The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS

I. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Binkowski discussed the recent appointment of Jodel Vogt as a practical examiner. Mr. Binkowski requested a check list of criteria developed by the Board that examiners should use when conducting an exam. Mr. McClam will call Ms. Vogt to explain the information that is required before an examination is given.

The Board also requested an updated list of examiners be provided by DPH.

This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Mr. Carmon asked if there has been any progress concerning the Board's request for an investigation regarding the "Catholic Funeral Plan" which was discussed at previous meeting. Mr. Binkowski replied that for the Department of Public Health to investigate this issue a written complaint must be received.

Ms. Pier will gather facts for Mr. McClam to compose a letter to the Attorney General's office asking for an investigation.

II. MINUTES

The September 7, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved with all in favor except on a motion by Mr. Carmon.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Meeting Dates for 2022

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2022:

March 8, 2022

June 9, 2022

September 6, 2022

December 20, 2022

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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