



NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTING AND EMBALMING

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AGENDA		Date Posted: 07.17.2023
<p>Date: Thursday July 27, 2023 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Location: State Office Building (14th & M st) 301 Centennial Mall S. Lower Level, Goldenrod Room Lincoln</p> <p>Contact: Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, 402-471-4918 or Dhhs.licensure2117@nebraska.gov</p> <p>Nebraska Open Meetings Act: 84-1407 through 84-1414 https://ago.nebraska.gov/open-meetings</p>	1	Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call Announcement: There is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room.
	2	Adoption of Agenda
	3	Approval of Minutes
	4	CLOSED SESSION (approx 8:45): Investigative Reports & Other Confidential Information Purpose: To hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals
	5	OPEN SESSION (approx 9:30 am): Application Review and Recommendations a. Convictions / Reinstatements / Unlicensed Practice or Operation
	6	Updates and Reports b. 2023 Legislation (LB 16, 261, other) LB 16: occupational reform and changes to preliminary conviction review https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=49705 LB 261: Apprenticeship while attending mortuary school https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=50477 c. Nebraska Funeral Directing Association (NEFDA) http://www.nefda.org d. International Conference of Funeral Service Examination Board, Inc. (ICFSEB) http://www.theconferenceonline.org Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Action Reports, Renewal, License and Examination Statistics (attached)
	6	CANA Crematory Operations Certification Program (online version)
	7	Military Funeral/ Arlington Cemetery
	8	Comments
	9	CLOSED SESSION (approximately 10:30 am): Jurisprudence Examination item writing and discussion Purpose: To hear discussions of confidential nature.
	10	OPEN SESSION (approximately 12:00 pm)
11	Adjournment	

All items known at the time of distribution of this agenda are listed. A current agenda is available in the Licensure Unit and at the following website:
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>
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2023 Meeting Dates:
1.26.2023
4.27.2023-rescheduled
5.4.2023
7.27.2023
10.26.2023

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License Statistics:

		SUMMARY COUNT OF LICENSES	
Profession	License Statuses: License Types	Active	Active-Military
Funeral Directing	Apprentice-Full	7	
	Apprentice-Split 1	2	
	Apprentice-Split 2	2	
	Branch Establishment	91	
	Embalmer		
	Funeral Director	1	
	Funeral Director and Embalmer	403	1
	Funeral Establishment	162	
	Grand Total	668	1

Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions:

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT COMPLIANCE LISTING REPORT						
Profession: Funeral Directing Action Start Date Range: 01/01/2023 to 07/17/2023				Run Date: 07/17/2023 Page No: Page 1 of 1		
Licensee Name	License No	License Type	License Status	Disciplinary Action	Action Start	Action End
Kremer Funeral Home	2231	Funeral Establishment	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	07/11/2023	
Nabity, Gregory L	997	Funeral Director and E	Active	Other	03/01/2023	04/30/2023
Nabity, Gregory L	997	Funeral Director and E	Active	Censure	03/01/2023	
Nabity, Gregory L	997	Funeral Director and E	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	02/24/2023	03/01/2023
Sheffield, Travis W	1399	Funeral Director and E	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	07/11/2023	
Sievers-Spnick Funeral Home	2415	Funeral Establishment	Active	Probation	03/16/2023	03/16/2024

Examinations:

EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT			
Profession: Funeral Directing Date Range: 01/01/2023 to 7/17/2023		Run Date: 07/17/2023 Page No: Page 1 of 1	
Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result Status	Number of Candidates per Result Status
Funeral Directing and	1-JURISPRUDENCE	Pass	6
	2-VITAL STATISTICS	Pass	3
National Arts Exam	3-ARTS TOTAL	Pass	5
National Science Exam	4-SCIENCE TOTAL	Pass	6
Jurisprudence - CE	Jurisprudence - CE	Pass	15
Jurisprudence -	Jurisprudence - CE	Pass	2

Renewals: None

These minutes have not been approved by the Board

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTING AND EMBALMING
May 4, 2023**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming was called to order by Leo Seger, Chair, at 8:30 a.m., in the Lower Level Goldenrod Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) emailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the Licensure Unit Lobby on 04.24.2023.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (4):

Steven Brunken, Member (in room)
Arvid Wiest, Secretary (in room)
Leo Seger, Chairperson (in room)
Lawrence Battaglia, Vice Chair (in room)

Members Absent (0):

Others Present (7):

TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General (in room)
Ann Oertwich, Program Manager, Licensure Unit (in room)
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Board Coordinator (in room)
Danielle Sund, DHHS Attorney (in room)
Juliann Lanphier-Willson (WebEx)
Public (in room and on phone)

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Brunken moved, seconded by Battaglia, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Brunken, Wiest, Seger, Battaglia (4). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1.26.2023)

MOTION: Brunken moved, seconded by Battaglia, to approve the minutes of 1.26.2023 as corrected. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Brunken, Wiest, Seger, Battaglia (4). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

4. UPDATES AND REPORTS

Updates and Reports

e. 2023 Legislation (LB 16, 261, other)

LB 16: occupational reform and changes to preliminary conviction review
https://nebraskalegisature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=49705

An amendment was introduced to remove section 1 by Senator Briese and is currently in committee.

LB 261: Apprenticeship while attending mortuary school
https://nebraskalegisature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=50477

Individuals who intend on practicing mortuary science; including funeral directing and embalming, must complete a total of 12 months apprenticeship. Apprenticeships can either take place over one, consecutive twelve-month period OR over two six-month periods. If completed over two periods of six months, the first half of

the apprenticeship is currently required to take place prior to attendance of an accredited school of mortuary science, another requirement of accreditation. LB261 intends to change this current statute to allow application to complete the first-six months of the apprenticeship, while the individual is completing their education, rather than prior.

To change provisions of the Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act relating to apprenticeship. This was added to LB 227.

f. Nebraska Funeral Directing Association (NEFDA) <http://www.nefda.org>
Public- Marvin Olson and Paul Seger updated Funeral Assistance Program, no additional discussion from legislation discussion.

g. International Conference of Funeral Service Examination Board, Inc. (ICFSEB)
<http://www.theconferenceonline.org>

Brunken attended the conference. Discussion on the Jurisprudence exam and CEU credit count, the board will review the jurisprudence exam and review regulations for changing CEU credit of the jurisprudence exam not to be in addition to be part of the 12 hours.

9:15 am Wiehn, Cue -investigations entered room

9:18 am Harrison exited room

h. Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Action Reports, Renewal, License and Examination Statistics (attached)

5. CANA Crematory Operations Certification Program (online version)

MOTION: Battaglia moved, seconded by Wiest, defer to the next meeting for discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Brunken, Seger, Wiest, Battaglia (4). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

6. Comments

9:23am Public exited room and phone call

7. INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Seger moved, seconded by Wiest, to enter into closed session at 9:23 a.m. to hear discussions of an investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Brunken repeated the motion purpose. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Brunken, Seger, Wiest, Battaglia (4). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

9:23 am Board break

9:33 am board return to close session

9:49 am Lindsay Braddock, Licensure Unit Administrator entered room

9:50 am Cue exited room

10:00 am Brunken exited room

10: 06 am Brunken entered room

10:10 am Harrison exited room

8. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS – OPEN SESSION

Board agreed to move to open session at 10:33 am

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.27.2023. There being no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Arvid Wiest, Secretary
Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming

Summarized by: Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit