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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTING AND EMBALMING**

August 26, 2024

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 Lobby on 8.26.2024.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (3):

Steven Brunken, Member
Arvid Wiest, Secretary
Leo Seger, Chairperson

Members Absent (1):

Lawrence Battaglia, Vice Chair

Others Present (7):

TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General
Sean Loving, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Teresa Hampton, Dept Legal
Maiya Baumann, Administrative Technician, Licensure Unit
Public (vis WebEx and in room)

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Brunken moved, seconded by Seger, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Brunken, Wiest, Seger(3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Battaglia (1). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Minutes were not approved for 2.2.2024.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clifford Massey spoke on the time it was taking to issue funeral home establishments. He spoke on his own accord with his establishment where it was pending for over a month.

5. INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Brunken moved, seconded by Wiest, to enter into closed session at 8:47a.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. Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Battaglia None (0). Motion carried.

8:47 am public exited room

8:47 am public exited phone call and public line was closed

6. OPEN SESSION

Verbal agreement to return to open session by all board members at 9:35 am

7. UPDATES AND REPORTS

Updates and Reports

- a. 2023 Legislation (LB 16)
Hampton gave an update on LB16.
- b. Nebraska Funeral Directing Association (NEFDA) <http://www.nefda.org>
- c. International Conference of Funeral Service Examination Board, Inc. (ICFSEB)
<http://www.theconferenceonline.org>
- d. Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Action Reports, Renewal, License and Examination Statistics (attached)

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for 10.31.2024. There being no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Lawrence Battaglia, Secretary
Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming

Summarized by: Sean Loving, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit