



NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTING AND EMBALMING

This meeting will be held in-person. The public is welcome to attend any Open Session discussion in the Lower Level, Goldenrod Room. This meeting will also be available to the **public** to participate by WEBEX using this link: <https://sonvideo.webex.com/sonvideo/j.php?MTID=m4a2026583a84c8d3ea9940984245bfd2>

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AGENDA revision	Date Posted: 10.15.24
<p>Date: Thursday October 31, 2024 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Location: State Office Building (14th & M st) 301 Centennial Mall S. Lower Level, Otoe Room Lincoln</p> <p>Contact: Sean Loving, Program Manager, 402-471-2117 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 (8.26.24)
	4 Questions for Vital Records
	5 CLOSED SESSION (approx 8:45 am): 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
	6 OPEN SESSION (approx 9:45 am): Application Review and Recommendations a. Convictions / Reinstatements / Unlicensed Practice or Operation
	7 Updates and Reports a. 2024 Legislation b. Regulation updates c. Nebraska Funeral Directing Association (NEFDA) http://www.nefda.org d. International Conference of Funeral Service Examination Board, Inc. (ICFSEB) http://www.theconferenceonline.org e. Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Action Reports, Renewal, License and Examination Statistics (attached)
	8 Public Comment
	9 Adjournment (approx. 10:30 am)

<p>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 If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at a meeting, please call the Licensure Unit at (402) 471-2117 (voice), or for persons with hearing impairments, please call the Nebraska Relay System, 711 TDD, prior to the meeting date. Advance notice of seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.</p>	<p>2024 Meeting Dates: 1.29.2024-cancelled 2.22.2024 4.29.2024 7.29.2024-rescheduled 10.31.2024</p>
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License Statistics:

		SUMMARY COUNT
Profession	License Statuses:	Active
	License Types	
Funeral Directing	Apprentice-Full	5
	Apprentice-Split 1	2
	Apprentice-Split 2	5
	Branch Establishment	96
	Embalmer	
	Funeral Director	1
	Funeral Director and Embalmer	401
	Funeral Establishment	159
	Grand Total	669

Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions

COMPLIANCE LISTING REPORT						
Profession: Funeral Directing					Run Date: 10/11/2024	
Action Start Date Range: 01/01/2024 to 10/11/2024					Page No: Page 1 of 1	
Licensee Name	License No	License Type	License Status	Disciplinary Action	Action Start	Action End
Thomas-Caston, Janet Ruth	935	Funeral Director and E	Active	Other	03/13/2024	05/12/2024
Thomas-Caston, Janet Ruth	935	Funeral Director and E	Active	Censure	03/13/2024	
Thomas-Caston, Janet Ruth	935	Funeral Director and E	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	03/08/2024	03/13/2024

Examinations:

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT			
Profession: Funeral Directing		Run Date: 10/11/2024	
Date Range: 01/01/2024 to 10/11/2024		Page No: Page 1 of 1	
Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result Status	Number of Candidates per Result Status
Funeral Directing and	1-JURISPRUDENCE	Pass	11
	2-VITAL STATISTICS	Pass	13
National Arts Exam	3-ARTS TOTAL	Pass	9
National Science Exam	4-SCIENCE TOTAL	Pass	9
Jurisprudence - CE	Jurisprudence - CE	Pass	7

Agenda Item #3

These minutes have not been approved by the Board

**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

- b. 2023 Legislation (LB 16)
 - Hampton gave an update on LB16.
- c. Nebraska Funeral Directing Association (NEFDA) <http://www.nefda.org>
- d. International Conference of Funeral Service Examination Board, Inc. (ICFSEB) <http://www.theconferenceonline.org>
- e. 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