

West Virginia Board of Funeral Service Examiners
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
April 2, 2014

The Special Meeting of the Board was called for the purpose of resolving the matters contained in two complaints and was held via telephone conference. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by President Chad Harding. Members present: Chad Hutson, Keith Kimble, Ira Handley, John Stump, Chad Harding, Sarah Lobban and John Fahey. Non members present, Regina Foster, Executive Director and Constance Sloan, Administrative Assistant. The public portion of the meeting was attended by Junora Walton and her attorney, Timothy A. Bradford.

Chad Hutson moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to WV Code 6-9-4(4), seconded by Sarah Lobban. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion of John Stump, seconded by John Fahey, the Board voted to return to public session

The Board then moved to the recommendations of the Complaint Committee as follows:

COMPLAINT 2013-11 and 2013-15:

Both complaints herein are consolidated into a Consent Order and Decree with the following conditions:

1. Junora Walton will practice under probation and supervision for a period of not less than six (6) months during which time she will be supervised by Jeremy Brown. The supervision will be required at such time as Ms. Walton meets with families for the purpose of making funeral arrangements and during the period of time the respondent embalms a deceased body. Ms. Walton is to notify Mr. Brown immediately upon receiving a death call and arrange with him for the date and time of the embalming and to set a mutually agreeable time for all parties to meet for the arrangements conference.

2. Jeremy Brown is not to be considered the Licensee in Charge of Walton's Chapel of Faith and shall incur no liability for the actions of Junora Walton. Jeremy Brown is not an employee of the Board of Funeral Service Examiners and any compensation for his supervision of Ms. Walton will be arranged between the two of them.

3. Jeremy Brown shall prepare a report of his observations of the funeral arrangement meetings and the embalmings and submit them to the Board after each such occurrence. These reports will be reviewed by the Board at its June and October, 2014 meetings and should there be any problem areas noted, Ms. Walton will be notified of the problem and the actions necessary for corrections.

4. Junora Walton is to pay \$750 to Meshea Poore; \$500 to the Board of Funeral Service Examiners as administrative fees incurred in Complaint 2013-11; and \$250 for a reinspection fee. The period of probation/supervision shall not cease until all such fees have been paid. The Executive Director may enter into a payment plan for the fees due the Board.

5. In the event of any violations during the term of the Consent Decree between the Board and Junora Walton, the Consent Decree shall become null and void and the Board will immediately notify its legal counsel to begin proceedings to suspend or revoke the license of Junora Walton and Walton's Chapel of Faith Funeral Home.

6. The issues in Complaints w2013-11 and 2013-15 are incorporated for resolution in the Consent Decree.

7. This Consent Decree is a public record as defined in W. Va. Code §29B-1-2(4).

Chad R. Harding, President

Regina J. Foster, Executive Director