

WV Board of Funeral Service Examiners  
Work Session  
179 Summers Street, Suite 319  
Charleston, WV 25301

August 24, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

Members, Staff & Attorney Present: Eugene Fahey, President, Robert Fields, Secretary, Rich Bishoff, Fred Kitchen, Ronald Waybright, Linda Lyter, Executive Director, Grady Bowyer, Office Manager and Adriana Marshall, Attorney

Members Absent: Bryan Nichols

Guests Present: Rob Kimes  
Via Zoom: Mike Nicadiemus

Call meeting to order at 9:00 by president of the board - Quorum established. Introduction of guest attending.

Discussion of changing the name of the board to WV Board of Funeral Directors, Embalmers & Crematory Operators. Will discuss further at future meetings.

Discussion of adding vice president to the Code as well as administrative costs.

Discussion of various other changes and updates to the Code, rules and emergency rules. Some of those included annual to biennial change that was overlooked, apprenticeship wording, general supervision and clarification on inactive CE requirements, etc. Will discuss further to determine necessary changes and vote on them at upcoming board meetings.

Discussion with Mike Nicadiemus on cremated remains. Question and answer session. Discussion included cremains considered personal property after cremation, legal public notice, authorizing agent, disposition of cremains, separate payment for holding cremains, no co-mingling. The Board may create policies and procedures to incorporate these matters for clarification.

Discussion on Pre- need contracts. Request staff from Attorney General's Office, Diana Harrison and Matt Morris to attend next board meeting for further discussion.

Other Matters of Interest: Discussion of Licensee-In-Charge (LIC) full-time employee and apprenticeships 40 hours per week for apprenticeships. Non-renewal of licenses brought to the attention of board and to be included on next regular board meeting agenda. Discussion of the backlog of death certificates from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiners creating hardships for families.

Motion made by Rich Bishoff to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Robert Fields. Motion approved.