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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

TIME: 00:00 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Board Room C
One Penn Center
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17109

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

1 State Board of Funeral Directors

2 March 13, 2019

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

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6 William G. Harris, Professional Member, Chairman
7 Milian Rodriguez, Professional Member, Vice Chairman
8 Robert Neely, Professional Member, Secretary
9 Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of Professional
10 and Occupational Affairs
11 Scott Custead, Public Member
12 Thomas Kukuchka, Professional Member
13 Merna Hoffman, Esquire, Office of Attorney General,
14 Bureau of Consumer Protection Representative
15 Francis McCusker, Public Member - Absent
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18 BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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20 C. William Fritz, II, Esquire, Board Counsel
21 Timothy Fritsch, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
22 Heidi M. Weirich, Board Administrator
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24 Marc Farrell, Deputy Policy Director, DOS Office of
25 Policy
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28 ALSO PRESENT:

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30 Rodger Cornelius, Kelso-Cornelius Funeral Home
31 Michael J. Loney, Kelso-Cornelius Funeral Home
32 Lindsay Laney, Greene Township
33 Donna Centofani, Pennsylvania Funeral Director
34 Association
35 Ernie Heffner, Heffner Funeral Chapel & Crematory
36 Trisha Nash, Quaker State Funeral Directors
37 Association
38 Lisa Edwards, LFD, Quaker State Funeral Directors
39 Association
40 Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office
41 Cynthia Rish
42 Jason G. Benion, Esquire, Post & Schell
43 Harry C. Neel, President, Jefferson Memorial Cemetery
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2 State Board of Funeral Directors

3 March 13, 2019

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
6 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with C. William Fritz, II, Esquire, for the purpose of
8 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. The Board
9 returned to open session at 10:38 a.m.]

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11 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board
12 of Funeral Directors was held on Wednesday, March 13,
13 2019. William G. Harris, Chairman, Professional
14 Member, called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m. The
15 Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was
16 taken. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of the
17 Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, was
18 not present at the commencement of the meeting.

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20 [Heidy M. Weirich, Board Administrator, reviewed the
21 emergency evacuation procedures for One Penn Center.]

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23 Approval of Minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting
24 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

25 At this time, I would ask for a motion to

1 Resolution Program, which allows state agencies and
2 respondents to come to consent agreements with the
3 assistance of a mediator.]

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5 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

6 We're going to take a vote on No. 2 for
7 the Consent Agreement. The Board would
8 entertain a motion to agree to that.

9 MR. CUSTEAD:

10 I'll make that.

11 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

12 Scott made a motion. Do we have second?

13 MR. NEELY:

14 Second.

15 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

16 We have a motion and a second. All I
17 favor signify by saying aye. Anyone
18 opposed?

19 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
20 name for 17-48-10965 is Angeliegha M. Stewart.]

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22 Report of Commissioner

23 [Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of the Bureau of
24 Professional and Occupational Affairs, noted that this
25 was his first meeting as Acting Commissioner.]

1 Mr. Johnson introduced himself and expressed his
2 excitement to be working with the Board. He also
3 introduced Marc Farrell, Deputy Policy Director, DOS
4 Office of Policy.]

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6 [Chairman Harris welcomed Mr. Farrell.]

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8 Report of Board Chairman

9 [Chairman Harris noted that the Board will allow a
10 short period for legislative discussion with the
11 public and shareholders after the meeting.]

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13 Report of Board Administrator

14 [Heidy M. Weirich, Board Administrator, requested
15 approval to attend the PFDA convention in June.

16 Chairman noted Ms. Weirich attended the 2018
17 convention, and it was beneficial.]

18 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

19 So I would make a motion to allow that.

20 Do I have a second?

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ:

22 I'll second.

23 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

24 We have a motion and a second. All in
25 favor signify by saying aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 [Chairman Harris noted a policy regarding food in
4 funeral establishments being developed.]

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6 [A formal hearing was held from 10:52 a.m. until 11:35
7 a.m. in the Matter of the Appeal of the Provisional
8 Denial of the Application for Licensure of Michael J.
9 Loney, Case No. 19-48-000468.]

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11 MR. FRITZ:

12 The Board will entertain a motion to
13 schedule the following matter for hearing
14 before the Board, In the Matter of BPOA
15 versus Dennis N. Heath, Jr., Case No.
16 15-48-09745.

17 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

18 We need to make a motion to schedule a
19 Board hearing. So do I hear a motion
20 concerning that?

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ:

22 So moved.

23 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

24 We have a motion. Do we have a second?

25 MR. NEELY:

1 We have a motion and second. All in
2 favor signify by saying aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 [Mr. Kukuchka asked about the Pennsylvania Funeral
6 Directors Association.

7 Mr. Fritz clarified that Pennsylvania Funeral
8 Directors Association and Funeral Service Academy were
9 also approved.]

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11 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
12 11:39 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
13 with C. William Fritz, Esquire, for the purpose of
14 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. The Board
15 returned to open session at 11:50 a.m.]

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17 [Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, exited the
18 meeting at 11:50 a.m.]

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20 [The Board recessed from 11:50 a.m. until 11:53 a.m.]

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22 MR. FRITZ:

23 The Board just met in Executive Session and
24 conducted quasi-judicial deliberations in the
25 following matter. The Board would entertain

1 a motion for Board counsel to draft a Final
2 Order In the Matter of the Application for
3 Approval as a Funeral Trainee of Michael J.
4 Loney, Case No. 19-48-000468.

5 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

6 Do I hear a motion?

7 MR. KUKUCHKA:

8 So moved.

9 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

10 Do we have second?

11 MR. NEELY:

12 Second.

13 CHAIRMAN HARRIS:

14 We have a motion and a second. All in
15 favor signify by saying aye. Is there
16 anyone opposed?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 [There being no other business, the State Board of
21 Funeral Directors meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Funeral Directors meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Funeral Directors meeting.



Amber Garbinski,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS
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7	10:37	Official Call to Order
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9	10:38	Roll Call
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11	10:38	Pledge of Allegiance
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13	10:39	Adoption of Minutes
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15	10:40	Report of Prosecutorial Division
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17	10:47	Report of Commissioner
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19	10:49	Report of Board Chairman
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21	10:49	Report of Board Administrator
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23	10:52	Hearing - Application for Approval as
24		as a Funeral Trainee of Michael J.
25		Loney
26	11:35	Hearing concluded
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28	11:39	Executive Session
29	11:50	Return to Open Session
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31	11:50	Recess
32	11:53	Return to Open Session
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34	11:53	Motions
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36	11:54	Adjournment
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