MINUTES
BOARD OF FUNERAL, CEMETERY, AND CONSUMER SERVICES
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 - 10:00 A.M.

A. Call to Order, Preliminary Remarks, and Roll Call

Ms. Jill Peeples – Good morning. This is Jill Peeples, Chair of the Board of Funerals, Cemetery and Consumer Services. This is Thursday, September 3rd. It's 10 o'clock a.m. and I'm going to call the meeting to order. I'd like to turn it over to Ms. Schwantes for an initial comment, please.

Ms. Mary Schwantes – Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning, everyone. My name is Mary Schwantes and I'm the Director for the Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services. Today is September 3, 2026, and it is approximately 10 a.m. This is a public meeting of the Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services. This meeting is being held by video conference. Notice of this meeting has been duly published in the Florida Administrative Register. The link and call in number are on the agenda, which has been made available to the public. The link and call in number, as well as other information relating to this Board meeting, have also been published on the Division's website. Ms. Latonya Bryant is recording the meeting and minutes will be prepared.

Before proceeding, I'd like to introduce you all to our new Assistant Division Director, Kimberly Marshall. In her new role, Ms. Marshall will normally facilitate the Board meetings. However, for the next few months, we may trade off our roles during the meetings as Ms. Marshall fully transitions from her prior role as Counsel for the Department. So, for today, I'm going to introduce the agenda items through item D and transfer the responsibility after that to Ms. Marshall when we begin agenda item E regarding disciplinary matters. So again, welcome Ms. Marshall to our team.

As this is a videoconference of the Board, there are some items I need to draw your attention to. For one, as a general rule, please do not utilize your video camera for the meeting unless you are a Board member, Board counsel, or an authorized Division employee. If you have a matter listed on the agenda and intend to appear before the Board to represent yourself, or if you are an attorney that is representing a client, only turn your video camera option on when we have reached the agenda item that you want to be heard on or when you hear your name called. Then turn your video camera option off again as soon as your matter has been addressed by the Board.

As always, we need everyone that is on the call to place their phone or audio feed on mute, if you are not speaking. The ambient noise coming from someone's phone or audio, which is not muted, causes severe disruption to the meeting. If you are not muted, you may be muted by Division staff. As a result, you may need to call back into the meeting because that may be the only way to unmute your phone. Also, if you are using your computer or smartphone for your audio feed, please remember to speak directly into the microphone on your device. To do otherwise negatively impacts the recording of this meeting. Just as in a live meeting, persons speaking are requested to identify themselves for the record each time they speak. Participants are respectfully reminded that the Board's Chair, Ms. Peeples, runs the meeting. Persons desiring to speak should initially ask the Chair for permission.

As a reminder to Board members, you are to refrain from commenting on facts not included within your Board packages and instead base your decision solely on the information in your Board packages, as well as testimony provided at this meeting. Additionally, ongoing investigations are private and confidential and are not to be discussed, even for the purposes of confirming there is an investigation.

Just a few words about Item V on your agenda, which is Public Comment. Public Comment is reserved for general comments by the public and not for re litigation of any matter before the Board. Please be aware that if Public Comment is used as an attempt to relitigate a matter that has been heard on this agenda, the Board will be instructed that the comment is not appropriate for Public Comment, and it should not be considered for further discussion.

As a final reminder, Board meetings are public meetings under Florida Law, and anything said via chat is subject to a public records request. This feature should only be used for technological issues you may be experiencing. A Division employee is

monitoring the chat feature and, as necessary, will forward your inquiry to someone who can assist in resolution of the problem. Madam Chair, at this point I will call the roll:

Jill Peeples, Chair
Andrew Clark, Vice Chair
David Chapman
Sanjena Clay
Vincent "Todd" Ferreira
Christian "Chris" Jensen
Kenneth "Ken" Jones
Janis Liotta
William "Bill" Quinn
Darrin Williams

Also noted as present:
Rachelle Munson, Board Legal Advisor
Greg Caracci, Department Legal Counsel
LaTonya Bryant, Department Staff

Ms. Schwantes – We have a quorum for the business of the Board, but we still do not have Madam Chair back on, it looks like. So, let's give this a minute, if that's okay. Is that all right with you, Mr. Clark, as Vice Chair?

Mr. Clark – Yes, that's fine. {Inaudible}.

Ms. Schwantes – Yes. Thank you, sir. That helps. We'll just give her a moment, see if she comes back on.

Mr. Jones – This is Ken Jones. Can you hear me?

Ms. Schwantes – Yes. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Jones – I have no camera. I'll work on that.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you, sir. Mr. Clark, what is your pleasure? Should we go ahead and continue? Would you mind stepping in as Chair?

Mr. Clark – That'd be fine.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you, sir. Again, we do have a quorum for the business of the Board.

B. Action on the Minutes

(1) June 25, 2026
(2) July 23, 2026

Ms. Schwantes – The minutes that are presented are from June 25, 2026, and July 23, 2026. Board action, as you all know, is required on these minutes. And at this time, it would be appropriate for a Board member to make a motion regarding the minutes of the June 25th and July 23rd Board meetings.

MOTION: Ms. Sanjena Clay moved to adopt the minutes of the June 25th and July 23rd Board meetings. Mr. Darrin Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you, sir.

C. Old Business

(1) Request for Payment Arrangement

(a) Johnson, Efren L II: Case Nos. 334748-24-FC & 343499-25-FC (F183656) and Johnson and Family Life Celebration Center LLC: Case Nos. 334714-24-FC and 343278-25-FC (F566325)

Ms. Schwantes – Is there a representative on the call today? Hearing none. Representing the Department in this matter is Kimberly Marshall.

Ms. Kimberly Marshall – Thank you, Ms. Schwantes. Good morning, Board members. So, I am still wearing my hat from OGC in this capacity. I do have a few lingering matters, and this is one of them. The above-referenced matters are presented to the Board for consideration of the Request for Payment Arrangement (Request) in the matters of Efren Lamar Johnson II ("Johnson") and Johnson and Family Life Celebration Center LLC ("JFLCC"), collectively ("Respondents"). On or about October 16, 2025, the Board entered final orders against Johnson and JFLCC in the above-named disciplinary cases. The Final Order against Johnson required, among other terms, that Johnson pay a fine of $500.00. The Final Order against JFLCC required, among other terms, that JFLCC pay a fine of $1,500.00. As of today's date, the Respondents have not paid the fines in the aforementioned final orders. As a result of the nonpayment, the Department provided notice to the Respondents, pursuant to section 497.153(5)(c), Florida Statutes, that it intended to suspend their licenses if payment of the fines was not promptly received. The Respondents have submitted the Request for Payment Arrangement for the Board's review. The Respondents are requesting that they be allowed an extension of time to pay the $2,000.00 in fines assessed in the final orders. Specifically, the Respondents have requested to make bi-weekly payments of $150.00 until the fines are satisfied. The Office of General Counsel presents the Respondents' request to the Board for its consideration.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Marshall. Any discussion from the Board? Questions?

Mr. Williams – Questions?

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Williams, go ahead.

Mr. Williams – Thank you so much. I have a question in reference to what's the parameters if the bi-weekly payment is not done?

Ms. Marshall – The Office of General Counsel would proceed with the suspension of license and filing Administrative Complaint on the basis of nonpayment.

Mr. Williams – Mr. Chair, a follow-up?

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead.

Mr. Williams – Would this come back before the Board? It seems like the Division is being a payment collection versus, you know, I think a larger payment should be made versus you talking about this for bi-weekly and hoping that they paid it bi-weekly.

Ms. Marshall – And certainly, larger, less frequent payments would be administratively simpler for the Division to manage. But, you know, it's certainly up to the Board's pleasure as far as how you would want to modify that. I see Ms. Munson has her hand up.

Vice Chair Clark – Yes. Mr. Williams, anything else?

Mr. Williams – That's it. I'll just wait to hear what my colleagues are saying.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Williams. Ms. Munson?

Ms. Rachelle Munson – Yes, I do have a question. The $150 bi-weekly payments, are we addressing them concurrently regarding the two (2) separate orders? Are we deciding which one? Because we have two (2) orders that are on the books, both of which are in current in violation. So, are we trying to do anything to identify to what order the payment should be

assigned?

Ms. Marshall – Yes. So, our preference would be that payments are first applied to Mr. Johnson's fine and then after that is satisfied, then the payments be applied to the establishment. But certainly, we'd be open to other suggestions from the Board.

Ms. Munson – The only reason I was asking that for clarification is that the Respondents should understand that for any period of time, for example, if it goes to the individual payment first, then that's just a longer period in arrears and in violation that he has for the second order. I don't know if any of that was explained or made clear to the Respondents. So, I just wanted to make sure that the Board understood if we decide to do it, it still means that where he may be two (2) months behind on paying one up and not the other, he could end up six (6) months behind and then start paying, and you're agreeing to that as well.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Munson. Mr. Ferreira, did you have a question?

Mr. Todd Ferreira – I had a comment. This is a red flag for me. There's a problem if these people can't take care of this and I do not support the payment plan.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Ferreira. Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Chris Jensen – Yes, I have a three-part question for Ms. Marshall. It says here that the license will be suspended if the payment is not promptly made. What is "promptly" in your eyes?

Ms. Marshall – In accordance with whatever terms the Board imposes.

Mr. Jensen – Okay, another part, Mr. Vice Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Jensen – Ms. Marshall, so in reading this, I don't see anywhere where you've had any contact with them trying to make any other arrangements. I mean, they basically didn't respond, is that correct, until the end?

Ms. Marshall – The first response we got from him was replying to the notice we sent of our intent to suspend the licenses for nonpayment. Yes.

Mr. Jensen – Okay. And, Mr. Chair, I'll echo what Mr. Ferreira said and Mr. Williams was nodding his head as, you know, they didn't show up. They hadn't made any effort. I'm not for this at all. Thank you.

Mr. David Chapman – Mr. Chapman. I have a question.

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead, sir. Yes. Mr. Chapman?

Mr. Chapman – If I read that correctly, the gentleman that we're fining, his establishment is no longer doing business. Is that correct? Did I read that correctly?

Ms. Marshall – That is correct, Mr. Chapman. The establishment has actually relinquished its license. And, obviously, he is not working there any longer. I don't have any information about what Mr. Johnson is currently doing for employment.

Mr. Chapman – That was going to be my next question. So, is he a practicing funeral director at some other establishment?

Ms. Marshall – I don't have any information on that.

Mr. Chapman – Okay. If his establishment is no longer doing business and he hasn't even had any correspondence with you for over a year, and his initial fine has been issued, the probability of getting this money is probably going to be slim to none.

Ms. Marshall – And, if I may submit, he has a concrete plan. He wants to pay these fines. If the Board will allow him to make payments, I think we will get this satisfied. However, if the Board rejects his request for a payment plan, the next step is suspending his license. If he can't work, I don't think that these fines are going to get paid.

Mr. Chapman – That's all I have, Mr. Vice Chairman. Thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Chaapman. Ms. Munson?

Ms. Munson – Again, just for clarity for the Board's purpose, when we talk about suspending the license, we're just talking about the individual license since the other license has been relinquished. There is no additional penalty for him to face regarding that. Is that correct?

Ms. Marshall – It would proceed with an Administrative Complaint on the basis of non-payment.

Ms. Munson – I don't want the Board to think it would be suspended because it can't be suspended if it's relinquished.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Munson. Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – Yes, thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. So, Ms. Marshall, help me understand this. So, he hasn't had much communication with the Division until recently, but now we must adjust our processes and allow him to make these smaller payment plans?

Ms. Marshall – Well, you don't have to do anything. Certainly, the Board is within its discretion to deny this request. But as a practical matter, working with him on a payment plan is probably the most likely route of getting these fines satisfied.

Mr. Williams – Mr. Vice Chair, may I follow up?

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead, sir.

Mr. Williams – And I understand that, Ms. Marshall, but going back to what my colleague stated, what is the likelihood of them making a payment if they have not even tried to make a payment prior to this request?

Ms. Marshall – Well, certainly, if the Board were to grant his payment arrangement today and he did not make the installment payments as ordered, we would be right back where we are with suspending the license and proceeding with another Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved to deny the request. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed with two (2) dissenting votes.

Vice Chair Clark – Let the record reflects that Mr. Jones and Ms. Liotta opposes and that motion carries. Ms. Schwantes, for the record, Ms. Peeples appears to be back so I can hand the meeting over to Chair Peeples. Ms. Munson, go ahead.

Ms. Munson – I just want to clarify what just happened with that. I think I heard three (3) oppositions. I don't think I heard any more than three (3), and I just wanted to clarify that I saw Ms. Liotta, and I heard two (2) others, but I don't know where they came from. But I'm sure the record is not clear. But in denying this motion, I just wanted, because I'm going to issue an order denying the motion, that the Board is denying the request for him to make bi-weekly payments of $150 until paid in full. That would just mean that the previous orders stand, and the previous orders as they stand are currently in violation. And I just wanted that to be clear for the Board to know. Some of this stuff is administrative and procedural, but I'd just like the Board to understand procedurally where we are. What the Department does with two (2) orders on the books that are currently in violation of willing to meet the requirements of a Final Order is up to the Department. But I did just want to provide that to make the Board know. That was it. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Clark. And Ms. Munson, kind of on your comment, was Mr. Jones and Ms. Liotta the only two

(2) opposing negative votes on that previous motion? Is that correct, Ms. Liotta? And Mr. Jones? Thank you. So, let's move on and I'll turn it over to Ms. Schwantes.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you Madam Chair.

D. Rules Committee Items

(1) June 12, 2026, Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

Ms. Schwantes – These are the minutes from the June 12, 2026, Rules Committee meeting. Now, the report and recommendations from the June Rules Committee meeting, you may recall, were approved at the Board meeting in July. We had to do that so that we could timely file a Notice of Rule Development on the seven (7) rules which the Committee recommended be changed. The minutes from the Committee meeting were not ready for review at that time. However, they've since been reviewed and approved by the Rules Committee at its recent August meeting. And Board action is now required on the minutes. It would be appropriate for a Board member to make a motion regarding the minutes of the Committee's June 12th meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to adopt the minutes. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you, Madam Chair.

(2) Section 120.5435, Florida Statutes

Ms. Schwantes – This section is included as a quick reference for Board members. No action is needed regarding this item.

120.5435 Agency review of rules.—

(1) For the purposes of this section, the term "rule" means the rule number assigned by the Department of State.

(2)(a) By July 1, 2030, each agency, in coordination with the committee, shall review all existing rules adopted by the agency before July 1, 2025, in accordance with this section.

(b) Beginning October 1, 2025, each agency shall include a list of its existing rules in its annual regulatory plan, prepared and submitted pursuant to s. 120.74. The agency shall include a schedule of the rules it will review each year during the 5-year rule review period. The agency may amend its yearly schedule in subsequent regulatory plans, but must provide for the completed review of at least 20 percent of the agency's rules per year, until all of its subject rules have been reviewed.

(c) This subsection stands repealed July 1, 2032.

(3) Any rule initially adopted after July 1, 2025, must be reviewed in accordance with this section in the fifth year following adoption. Such review must be completed before the day that marks the sixth year since the adoption of the rule.

(4) The agency rule review must determine whether each rule:

(a) Is a valid exercise of delegated legislative authority;

(b) Has current statutory authority;

(c) Reiterates or paraphrases statutory material;

(d) Is in proper form;

(e) Is consistent with expressed legislative intent pertaining to the specific provisions of law which the rule implements;

(f) Requires a technical or substantive update to reflect current use; and

(g) Requires updated references to statutory citations and incorporated materials.

(5) By January 1 of each year, the agency shall submit to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the committee a report that summarizes the agency's intended action on each rule under review during the current fiscal year.

(6) The agency shall take one of the following actions during its rule review:

(a) Make no change to the rule. If the agency determines that no change is necessary, the agency must submit to the committee by April 1 a copy of the reviewed rule, a written statement of its intended action, and its assessment of factors specified in subsection (4). This determination is not subject to a challenge as a proposed rule pursuant to s. 120.56(2).

(b) Make a technical change to the rule. If the agency determines that one or more technical changes are necessary, the agency must submit to the committee by April 1 a copy of the reviewed rule and the recommended technical change or changes coded by underlining new text and striking through deleted text, a written statement of its intended action, its assessment of the factors specified in subsection (4), and the facts and circumstances justifying the technical change or changes to the reviewed rule. This determination is not subject to a challenge as a proposed rule pursuant to s. 120.56(2).

(c) Make a substantive change to the rule. If the agency determines that the rule requires a substantive change, the agency must make all changes, including any technical changes, to the rule in accordance with this chapter. The agency shall publish a notice of rule development in the Florida Administrative Register by April 1. The agency shall also submit to the committee by April 1 a copy of the reviewed rule and the recommended change or changes coded by underlining new text and striking through deleted text, a written statement of its intended action, and its assessment of factors specified in subsection (4). This submission to the committee does not constitute a notice of rule development as contemplated by s. 120.54(2)(a) and is not required to be in the same form as the rule that will be proposed by the agency.

(d) Repeal the rule. If an agency determines that the rule should be repealed, the agency must repeal the rule in accordance with this chapter and publish the required notice in the Florida Administrative Register by April 1. The agency shall also submit to the committee by April 1 a written statement of its intended action and its assessment of factors specified in subsection (4). This submission to the committee does not constitute a notice of proposed rule as contemplated by s. 120.54(3)(a).

(7)(a) By July 1, the committee shall examine each agency's rule review submissions. The committee may request from an agency any information that is reasonably necessary for examination of a rule as required by subsections (2) and (3).

(b) If the agency recommends no change or a technical change to a rule, the committee must certify whether the agency has responded in writing to all material and timely written comments or inquiries made on behalf of the committee.

(8) The rule review is completed upon:

(a) The agency, upon approval of the agency head or his or her designee, electronically filing a certified copy of the reviewed rule to which no changes or only technical changes were made, and the committee's certification granted pursuant to subsection (7), with the Department of State; or

(b) The agency, for a reviewed rule subject to substantive change or repeal, timely filing the appropriate notice pursuant to s. 120.54.

(9) The Department of State shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register a notice of the completed rule review and shall update the history note of the rule in the Florida Administrative Code to reflect the date of completion, if applicable.

History.—s. 5, ch. 2025-189.

(3) Updated 5-Year FCCS Rule Review Plan

Ms. Schwantes – Under section 120.5435 Florida Statutes, by October 1st of each year, we are required to file an update on the annual review plan also required under that statute. You may recall that the statute was created during the 2025 Legislative Session as part of Senate Bill 108. Included in your meeting materials is the updated five-year FCCS rule review plan. You'll see that the rules that were reviewed last year have been grayed out. The rules we plan to review this year are highlighted in light orange. There are a total of thirty-five (35) rules to be reviewed this year, which includes the rules, such as all of 69K-18, which the Committee decided should be added to the review. Board action is needed on this item. Assuming Board approval, the information contained in the document will be used to file the required October 1st Report under section 120.5435 Florida Statutes. And it would be appropriate for a Board member to make a motion regarding the updated 5-year FCCS Rule Review Plan.

MOTION: Chair Peeples moved to approve the Updated 5-Year FCCS Rule Review Plan. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chapter 69K, F.A.C., UPDATED Rule Review Plan 2025-2030

Prepared 7/24/26 by Mary Schwantes, Division Director		
Based upon Updated Rule Designations (May 2025)	FY25-26	Indicates Rules reviewed FY25-26 by the FCCS Board
	FY26-27	Indicates Rules reviewed FY26-27 by the FCCS Board

Board Rules

Rule	Updated Jurisdiction (Board, Department, Shared)	Basis for Board Authority	Basis for Dept Authority	Fiscal Year for Review
69K-2.003 - Other Official Board Business	Board	497.101(6),(7), 497.103(5)(a)		FY25-26
69K-5.0015 - Preneed Licenses	Board	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)		FY25-26
69K-5.0023 - Temporary Preneed Licenses	Board	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)		FY25-26
69K-5.0024 - Remittances to the Regulatory Trust Fund	Board	497.103(1)(n),(bb), (5)(a)		FY25-26
69K-6.001 - Grave Spaces; Definition Limited	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(a), (c)		FY25-26
69K-6.0015 - Definition of Established Adult Grave Space	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(a), (c)		FY25-26
69K-6.0016 - Definition of Developed Area	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(a), (c)		FY25-26
69K-6.002 - Care and Maintenance of Existing Cemetery	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(c)		FY25-26
69K-6.003 - Cemetery By-laws	Board	497.103(1)(n),(u), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(c)		FY25-26
69K-6.004 - Safekeeping of Records	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(c)		FY25-26
69K-6.0051 - Accounts Receivable Records	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(c)		FY25-26
69K-6.0054 - Written Contracts Required	Board	497.103(1)(n),(u), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(c)		FY25-26
69K-6.007 - Criteria for Burial; Disinterment; Reinterment	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(c)		FY25-26
69K-6.008 - Minimum Standards for Interment	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(c)		FY25-26
69K-6.009 - Identification Tags - Acceptable Materials, Locations, and Methods of Affixing	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(c)		FY25-26
69K-7.001 - Care and Maintenance Trust Fund Deposits	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(c)		FY26-27
69K-7.0012 - Care and Maintenance Trust Fund Withdrawals	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(c), 497.2675(1)		FY26-27
69K-7.002 - Percentage Deposits Required on Turf Tops, Lawn Crypts, Etc.	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(c)		FY26-27
69K-7.006 -Wholesale Purchase Price	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-7.007 - Merchandise Trust Funds - Status of Accounts	Board	497.103(1)(n),(u), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-7.008 - Preneed Trust Funds -Withdrawal of Income Earned Thereon	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-7.016 - Duties and Powers of Trustee; Authorized Investments	Board	497.103(1)(u), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-7.017 -Trust Fund Deposits; Funeral and Burial Services and Merchandise Preneed Contract Payments	Board	497.103(1)(u), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-7.020 -Treatment of Trusts Under Chapters 497 and 639, F.S.	Board	497.103(1)(u), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-8.002 - Cancellation of Contracts	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-8.003 - Cancellation of Preneed Contracts; Reasonable Time Defined	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(a)		FY26-27
69K-8.004 - Preneed Contracts; Miscellaneous Provisions	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-8.005 - Preneed Contracts Funded by Life Insurance	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-8.006 - Description of Merchandise on Preneed Contracts	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-8.007 - Processing Fee	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-8.008 - Defaults on Sold or Discounted Installment Sales Contracts or Promissory Notes	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-9.002 - Residential Solicitations	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-9.003 - Solicitation in Healthcare Facilities	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-12.001 - Installation of Monuments	Board	497.103(1)(n),(o), (5)(a), 497.161(c)		FY26-27
69K-12.004 - Cancellation of Monument Establishment Retail Sales Agreements and Refunds	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-12.005 - Requirements for Monument Establishment Retail Sales Agreements	Board	497.103(1)(u), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-12.011 - Annual Inspection Fees for Monument Establishments	Board	497.103(1)(bb), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-13.001 - General Provisions	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(c)		FY27-28

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Rule	Updated Jurisdiction (Board, Department, Shared)	Basis for Board Authority	Basis for Dept Authority	Fiscal Year for Review
69K-13.002 - Definitions	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(a),(c)		FY27-28
69K-13.003 - General Construction Specifications	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(c)		FY27-28
69K-13.004 - Additlonal Non-Building Code Standards for Mausoleum and Columbarium Construction	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(c)		FY27-28
69K-14.006 - Probable Cause Determination ahd Discipline	Board	497.103(1)(v)(w), (5)(a)		FY27-28
69K-14.008 - Payment of Fines and Costs	Board	497.103(1)(w,(x), (5)(a)		FY27-28
69K-14.010 - Meetings	Board	497.101(6),(7), 497.103(5)(a)		FY27-28
69K-14.013 - Attendance of Meetings by Board Members	Board	497.101(6), 497.103(5)(a)		FY27-28
69K-15.001 - Course in Mortuary Science	Board	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)		FY27-28
69K-15.002 - Associate of Arts Degree in Mortuary Science	Board	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)		FY27-28
69K-15.003 - Arrangements	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a); 497.161(1)(a)		FY27-28
69K-15.004 - At Need; Preneed	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a); 497.161(1)(a)		FY27-28
69K-15.005 - Operational Personnel	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a); 497.161(1)(a)		FY27-28
69K-15.006 - Reasonable Time for Obtaining Written Permission	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a); 497.161(1)(a)		FY27-28
69K-16.0001- State Examination for Funeral Industry Professionals	Board	497.103(1)(a), (c), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-16.001 - Examination for Embalmer Applicants	Board	497.103(1)(a), (c), (e), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-16.002 - Examination for Funeral Director Applicants	Board	497.103(1)(a), (c), (e), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-16.004- Examination for Licensure by Endorsement	Board	497.103(1)(a),(h), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-16.005- Reexaminations	Board	497.103(1)(a),(f), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-17.001 - Examination Fees for Embalmers and Funeral Directors; Manner of Application	Board	497.103(1)(a),(bb), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-17.002 -Application Fees; Licensure by Endorsement for Embalmers and Funeral Directors	Board	497.103(1)(a),(f), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-17.0030- Direct Disposer/Establishment; Fees	Board	497.103(1)(bb), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-17.0034 - Continuing Education for License Renewal	Board	497.103(1)(q), (5)(a)		FY28-29

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Rule	Updated Jurisdiction (Board, Department, Shared)	Basis for Board Authority	Basis for Dept Authority	Fiscal Year for Review
69K-17.0035 - Communicable Disease Education Required for Operational Personnel	Board	497.103(1)(s), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(a)		FY28-29
69K-17.004- Continuing Education for Reactivation	Board	497.103(1)(a),(i),(q), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-17.0043- Required Records Maintained by Provider	Board	497.103(1)(r), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-17.0044 - Advertising of Continuing Education Courses	Board	497.103(1)(r), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-17.008 - Delinquency Fee	Board	497.103(1)(a), (bb), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-17.009 - Processing Fee	Board	497.103(1)(a), (bb), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-17.010 - Inactive Status Fee	Board	497.103(1)(a), (bb), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-17.011 - Reactivation Fee	Board	497.103(1)(a), (bb), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-21.007 - Responsibility of Funeral Director in Charge	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY25-26
69K-22.004 - Operating Procedures	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-23.002 - Examination Requirements	Board	497.103(1)(e),(f), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-23.005 - Responsibility of Direct Disposer in Charge	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-24.024 - Operating Procedures for Removal Services	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-24.034 - Operating Procedures for Refrigeration Services	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-24.0425 - Operating Procedures for Centralized Embalming Facilities	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-25.001 - Licensure by Endorsement; Embalmers	Board	497.103(1)(a),(h), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-25.002 - Licensure by Endorsement; Funeral Directors	Board	497.103(1)(a),(h), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-29.001 - False, Fraudulent, Deceptive and Misleading Advertising	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY28-29
69K-30.001 - Disciplinary Guidelines and Penalties for Funeral Directors and Establishments, Embalmers, Removal Services, Refrigeration Services , Direct Disposers and Establishments, and Cinerator Facilities	Board	497.103(1)(w),(x), 5(a), 497.154(1)	497.103(2)(g)(j), (5)(b)	FY29-30
69K-32.002 - Approved Courses	Board	??? (statute repealed) (497.103(1)(a), (5)(a))		FY28-29
69K-33.001 - Requirements Regarding Handling and Storing of Human Remains	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)		FY26-27
69K-100.040 - Funeral Director Affiliation With Funeral Establishment	Board	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.372(2)		FY28-29
TOTAL BOARD RULES:			**82**	

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Rule	Updated Jurisdiction (Board, Department, Shared)	Basis for Board Authority	Basis for Dept Authority	Fiscal Year for Review
Department Rules				
69K-1.001 - List of Approved Forms; Instructions	Dept		497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-1.002 - Fingerprinting Requirement; Waiver of Fingerprinting Requirement; fees	Dept		497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-1.007 - Effect of Criminal Records on Licensure Applications	Dept		497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.006 - Procedure for Licensing Transferred Cemeteries	Dept		497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.007 - Conversion Proceedures	Dept		497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.008 - Request for Additional Information - Applications	Dept		497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.013 - Procedure for Report of Identification for an Exempt Cemetery	Dept		497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-6.0052 - Examination Work Papers	Dept		497.103(2)(a),(c),(5)(b), 497.161(1)(f)	FY25-26
69K-6.006 - Inspection of Cemeteries	Dept		497.103(2)(a), 5(b), 497.149(2)(c)	FY25-26
69K-7.0095 - Preneed Trust Fund; Financial Reports	Dept		497.103(2)(a), ©, (4), 497.458(1)(k)	FY25-26
69K-9.004 - Consumer Brochure	Dept		497.103(2)(g), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-16.006 - Examination Review Procedures	Dept		497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-17.0015 - Security and Monitoring Procedures for Licensure Examinations	Dept		497.103(2)(f), (5)(b)	FY25-26
69K-17.0025- Active Status License	Dept		497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-21.002 - Inspections	Dept		497.103(2)(a), 5(b), 497.149(2)(c)	FY25-26
69K-21.006 - Retention of Contracts and Other Documents	Dept		497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-22.002 - Inspection	Dept		497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-25.0025 - Licensure by Military Experience; Funeral Directors, Embalmers, and Direct Disposers; Licensure Renewals of Spouses of Armed Forces Members	Dept		497.103, 497.168, 497.393, 497.602(4)	FY25-26
69K-21.003 - Inspection Criteria (Funeral Establishments)	Dept (Shared? Tom)	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a) (?)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b), 497.149(2)(c)	FY25-26
TOTAL DEPARTMENT RULES:			**19**	

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Rule	Updated Jurisdiction (Board, Department, Shared)	Basis for Board Authority	Basis for Dept Authority	Fiscal Year for Review
Shared Rules				
69K-1.003 - Miscellaneous Fees	Shared	497.103(1)(bb), (5)(a) 497.140(1)(a)	497.103(5)(b) 497.140(4), (5), (6)(a) 497.161(1)(d)	FY25-26
69K-1.005 - Licensure Application Procedures	Shared	497.167(9),(10)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-1.008 - Applicants with Criminal Records	Shared	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.0016 - Preneed License; Financial Requirements	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.002 - Application for Preneed License	Shared	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.0021 - Application for Preneed License Branch Office License	Shared	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.0022 - Applications for Transfer of a Preneed License	Shared	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.0025 - Inactive Preneed Licenses	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.0026 - Preneed License Renewal	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(k), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.003 - Application for Registration of a Preneed Sales Agent	Shared	497.103(1)(a)(bb), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.0035 - Termination of Appointment of a Preneed Sales Agent	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.004 - Procedures for Licensing a New Cemetery	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(bb), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.009 - Regulatory Standards for Evaluating Applications by the Board	Shared	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.011 - Preneed Sales Agent Renewal	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(k), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.012 - Application and Renewal Procedures for Broker of Burial Rights License	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(bb), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-5.0125 - Minium Records to be Maintained by Burial Rights Broker; Inspection of Records	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (t), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-6.005 - Records	Shared	497.103(1)(n),(t),(u), (5)(a), 497.161(1)(c)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-7.005 - Performance Bond - Mausoleums or Below-Ground Crypts	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a), 497.161(c)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b), 497.272(8)	FY25-26
69K-7.010 - Reporting Requirements for Pre need Licensees Utilizing a Surety Bond or Letter of Credit in Lieu of Trusting	Shared	497.103(1)(n),(z), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26

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69K-7.0125 - Alternative Form of Security for Permanent Outer Burial Receptable Manufacturers	Shared	497.103(1)(n),(z), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-7.015 -Trust Agreements and Trustees	Shared	497.103(1)(u), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-9.001 - Advertising	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-10.001 - Pre need Funeral Contract Consumer Protection Trust Fund	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-10.002 - Disbursement from the Preneed Funeral Contract Consumer Protection Trust Fund	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-10.003 - Remittances to the Preneed Funeral Contracit Consumer Protection Trust Fund	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-12.002 - Procedure for Licensing a Monument Establishment	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(bb), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-12.003 - Procedure for Submission and Approval of Monument Establishment Retail Sales Agreements	Shared	497.103(1)(u), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-17.0026 - Inactive Status License	Shared	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-17.0027 - Delinquent License	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(i),(q), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-17.003 - Fees	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(bb), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-17.0036- Course Required for Initial Licensure	Shared	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-17.0041 - Continuing Education Provider Requirements	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(r), (5)(a), 497.161(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-17.0042 - Approval of Continuing Education Courses	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(r), (5)(a), 497.161(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-18.001 - Embalmer Intern Training Program	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(g), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY26-27
69K-18.002 - Funeral Director Intern Training Program	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(g), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY26-27
69K-18.003 - Concurrent Internships	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(g), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY26-27
69K-18.004 - Intern Training Agencies	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(g), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY26-27
69K-20.001 - Report of Cases Embalmed or Bodies Handled	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-21.001 - Licensure Procedure; Consequences of Operating Prior to Licensure	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-21.004 - Fees	Shared	497.103(1)(n),(bb), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-21.005 - Display of Licenses	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b), 497.149(2)(c)	FY25-26
69K-21.008 - Notification of Change in Funeral Director in Charge	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-21.009 - Disinterment Reporting	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26

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69K-21.055- Notice to the Department of Mailing Address and Place of Practice of License	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-22.001 - Application for Licensure; Consequences of Operating Prior to Licensure	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-22.003 - Fees	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-22.006 - Designation of Cinerator Facility Supervisor	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-22.007 - Standard Uniform Procedures for Removal of Cremated Remains and Postcremation Procedures	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-23.001 - Manner of Application	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-23.003 - Renewal of Direct Disposer Licenses	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(k), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-23.004 - Direct Disposal Establishments	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.010 - Application for Licensure of Removal Services, Refrigeration Facilities, and Centralized Embalming Facilities	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.020 - Licensure of Removal Services	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.021 - Requirements for Inspection of Removal Services	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.022 - Inspection Criteria for Removal Services	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.023 - Duplicate License and Renewal Penalty Fees for Removal Services	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.030 - Licensure of Refrigeration Services	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.031 - Requirements for Inspection of Refrigeration Services	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.032 - Inspection Criteria for Refrigeration Services	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.033 - Duplicate License and Renewal Penalty Fees for Refrigeration Services	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.040 - Licensure of Centralized Embalming Facilities	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.041 - Requirements for Inspections of Centralized Embalming Facilities	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-24.042 - Inspection Criteria for Centralized Embalming Facilities	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY26-27
69K-24.043 - Duplicate License and Renewal Penalty Fees for Centralized Embalming Facilities	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-25.003 - Licensure as Temporary Embalmer or Temporary Funeral Director; Manner of Requesting and Fee; Limitations; Expiration	Shared	497.103(1)(a),(g), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26

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69K-25.004- Application Procedures for Limited Licenses for Retired Professionals	Shared	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-27.001 - Embalmer Apprentice Program	Shared	497.103(1)(a), (g), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-31.001 - Procedure Required	Shared	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(a), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-100.035 - Courses of Study; Criteria; Procedures for College or University to Obtain Approval	Shared	497.103(1)(a), (5)(a)	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
69K-7.013 - Procedures for Filing Claims through the Department	Shared (?)	497.103(1)(n), (5)(a) ? [Implied? 497.103(1)(y)]	497.103(2)(c), 5(b)	FY25-26
		TOTAL SHARED RULES:	70	

TOTAL RULES FOR REVIEW EACH YEAR

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER	ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION
FY25-26	106	17 Board + 70 Shared + 19 Department Rules
FY26-27	35	30 Board + 5 Revisited Shared Rules
FY27-28	14	Board Rules
FY28-29	21	Board Rules
FY29-30	1	Board Rule - 63K-30.001 Disciplinary Guidelines

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Chair Peeples – Excuse me, Ms. Schwantes. Ms. Munson has her hand up.

Ms. Munson – So sorry. I just wanted, if I could just take this back to the very first item that we voted on regarding Johnson.

C. Old Business

(1) Request for Payment Arrangement

(a) Johnson, Efren L II: Case Nos. 334748-24-FC & 343499-25-FC (F183656) and Johnson and Family Life Celebration Center LLC: Case Nos. 334714-24-FC and 343278-25-FC (F566325)

I just wanted to clarify. I believe Mr. Jones was on a Probable Cause Panel involved in that and should have been recused, so his vote should not be reflected. And if I'm incorrect in that, the Office of General Counsel can clarify. But I did not want to

reflect it with him voting on an item that he may have been recused from.

Ms. Marshall – Yes, I think just to be extra safe, I think we should probably exclude him from that.

Ms. Munson – Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Munson. Ms. Schwantes?

Ms. Schwantes – Yes.

E. Disciplinary Proceeding(s)

(1) Department's Motion for an Order Dismissing Petition Without Prejudice

(a) Brown Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service LLC: DFS Case No. 357268-26-FC; Division No. ATN-46116 (F041798)

Ms. Schwantes – At this time, I'm very happy to turn the meeting over to our new Assistant Division Director, Kimberly Marshall.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Ms. Schwantes. Is there a representative of Brown Memorial on the call today? I think I saw somebody earlier. Anyone? Brown Memorial? Please turn your camera and microphone.

Unidentified person – We're here. Can you hear me?

Ms. Marshall – Yes, we can. Thank you. And presenting for the Department is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Greg Caracci – Thank you. The above-referenced matter is presented to the Board for consideration of the Department's Motion for an Order Dismissing Petition Without Prejudice ("Motion"). On or about May 22, 2026, the Department filed an Administrative Complaint against Brown Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service LLC ("Respondent") alleging violations of chapter 497, Florida Statutes. On or about June 19, 2026, Respondent timely submitted a petition requesting a formal hearing pursuant to section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes; however, the petition failed to identify any disputed issues of material fact. As such Respondent's petition failed to meet the requirements for a formal hearing as outlined in Rule 28-106.2015, *Florida Administrative Code.* Accordingly, this Motion requests that the Board dismiss Respondent's petition without prejudice and enter an order providing Respondent with an additional twenty-one (21) days in which to file a facially sufficient petition for formal hearing or to request an informal hearing. Furthermore, the Department requests that the order provide that if Respondent fails to provide a timely response that Respondent will have waived its right to a hearing in this matter. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Caracci, what would be your suggestion to the Board members for a motion?

Mr. Caracci – We would recommend dismissing without prejudice, give the Respondent the opportunity to specify whether it is a dispute or move to an informal.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Board members?

Mr. Williams – Madam Chair, I have a question.

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – So, Mr. Caracci, I need some clarity. So, they had an opportunity but didn't provide sufficient evidence. Now we're giving them another opportunity to provide that same evidence? I'm just trying to walk through this.

Mr. Caracci – So that's not a novel motion. We did this a few months ago with some other licensees. I just, I feel especially when the licensee is pro se, they should be given the opportunity, a little more guidance and the opportunity, because a lot of them think that checking the box is sufficient to allege a dispute of material facts.

Mr. Williams – Okay. Madam Chair, a follow-up?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Williams – Just for clarity, Ms. Munson, is this like something normal that we do? Or is this a -- I don't want to seem like we're going outside of precedent or anything.

Ms. Munson – This Board has voted to use this legal avenue on various cases previously. The Department has presented them, and this Board has previously approved the submission request.

Mr. Williams – Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Board Members. Your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to dismiss Respondent's petition without prejudice and enter an order providing Respondent with an additional twenty-one (21) days in which to file a facially sufficient petition for formal hearing or to request an informal hearing. Furthermore, the Department requests that the order provide that if Respondent fails to provide a timely response that Respondent will have waived its right to a hearing in this matter. Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Is there any discussion on the motion? Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – {Inaudible} that's what you got.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Ferreira, we can't hear you. You're bouncing in and out, sir. Could you start over, please, sir?

Mr. Ferreira – Can you hear me now?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Ferreira – Okay. I know I kind of come along with Mr. Williams in regard to the fact that we've given him twenty-one (21) days. You know, you take care of it, and you get it done and, you know, just dragging this stuff out makes no sense to me. So that's just my comment.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. So, we have a motion by Mr. Jones to dismiss the petition without prejudice. And we have a second by Mr. Williams. So, let's take a vote on the motion. All in favor of the motion, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed, say No.

Mr. Ferreira – No.

Mr. Chapman – No.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. We have a No vote by Mr. Ferreira and Mr. Chapman. Please let the record reflect that the motion passes. Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Yes, Madam Chair,

(b) Crucet, Keila Kesia: DFS Case No. 359179-26-FC; Division No. ATN-46458 (F052106)

Ms. Marshall – Is Ms. Crucet or a representative on the call today?

Mr. Luke Grabowski – Good morning, Madam Chair. Luke Grabowski on behalf of Ms. Crucet.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Mr. Grabowski. And presenting for the Department is Greg Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The above-referenced matter is presented to the Board for consideration of the Department's Motion for an Order Dismissing Petition Without Prejudice ("Motion"). On or about June 11, 2026, the Department filed an Administrative Complaint against Keila Kesia Crucet ("Respondent") alleging violations of chapter 497, Florida Statutes. The Respondent timely submitted a petition requesting a formal hearing pursuant to section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes; however, the petition failed to identify any disputed issues of material fact. As such Respondent's petition failed to meet the requirements for a formal hearing as outlined in Rule 28-106.2015, *Florida Administrative Code.* Accordingly, this Motion requests that the Board dismiss Respondent's petition without prejudice and enter an order providing Respondent with an additional twenty-one (21) days in which to file a facially sufficient petition for formal hearing or to request an informal hearing. Furthermore, the Department requests that the order provide that if Respondent fails to provide a timely response that Respondent will have waived her right to a hearing in this matter. And I'd like for the Respondent to be given an opportunity if she wishes to flesh out what her dispute is or if we can proceed to an informal.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Caracci. Mr. Grabowski, would you like to address the Board?

Mr. Grabowski – Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. And let me apologize to the Board. This response was submitted before I was involved with this matter. And frankly, this is a result of a misunderstanding by my client. This should not have been a request for formal hearing. This should have been a request for an informal hearing. I think the substance of a response is really to present some mitigating factors, and that's what I've been asked to do. So, we would like to proceed with an informal hearing.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Caracci?

Mr. Caracci – That works for me.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Caracci, would you like to proceed?

Mr. Caracci – Yes, thank you. This is a technical violation. I mean, the Department wouldn't be moving for more than a $500 fine with maybe six (6) months of probation.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair. This case will not be ready for an informal hearing yet. The investigative file and the substantive parts of this case are not included for the Board's review today. So, we would have to table this and bring it back next month.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Grabowski, are you okay with that, sir?

Mr. Grabowski – No objection to that, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Mr. Caracci, we're going to table this item. Ms. Munson?

Ms. Munson – I just wanted to confirm that there were no Probable Cause Panel members involved in either this case or the one previous.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Williams, you're muted, sir.

Ms. Munson – That would actually be a response from the Department.

Mr. Caracci – I'm looking that up right now. Mr. Williams was present on the Probable Cause Panel for this case.

Ms. Munson – Is that Crucet?

Mr. Caracci – Yes.

Ms. Munson – Okay. So just for the record, again, I'd like Mr. Williams' name not included in the record for any vote regarding that case. And if we can go back to the prior one as well to confirm, just for the record, again.

Mr. Williams – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Mr. Caracci, who served on the Probable Cause Panel for the previous case?

Mr. Caracci – Let's see. Give me one second to pull that up. For Brown Memorial, the Probable Cause Panel, Mr. Jones was present on that.

Ms. Munson – And again, the same request that Mr. Jones' vote not be reflected, that it be retracted as a member of Probable Cause. He should be recused.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Going forward, Ms. Marshall, before we go on, are there any Probable Cause Panel members that need to recuse themselves from any of the cases going forward?

Mr. Williams – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir, Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – I would like to recuse myself for all cases related to Probable Cause Panel B.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Mr. Jones?

Mr. Jones – Yes, I would like to recuse myself for all cases related to Probable Cause Panel A on the agenda today.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, gentlemen. Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair.

(2) Motion for Determination of Waiver and Request for Informal Hearing and for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Probable Cause Panel A)
(a) Serenity Funeral Home & Cremation LLC: DFS Case No. 358731-26-FC; Division No. ATN-46458 (F071434)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of Serenity Funeral Home on the call today?

Mr. Grabowski – Good morning, Madam Chair. Luke Grabowski on behalf of the Respondent.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Mr. Grabowski. And presenting for the Department is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The above-referenced matter is presented to the Board for consideration of the Motion for Determination of Waiver and Request for Informal Hearing and for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Motion) in the matter of Serenity Funeral Home & Cremation LLC ("Respondent"). The Department conducted an investigation of Respondent and found as follows: Respondent is licensed as a funeral establishment, apprentice/intern training agency, and preneed main license number F071434. Respondent failed to obtain the legally authorized person's declaration of intent with respect to the disposition of the cremated remains of the deceased as required. This is a one-count Administrative Complaint, and the relevant statutory violations are as follows:

- Section 497.152(1)(a), Florida Statutes: Violating any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the Board or Department or the statutory predecessors to the Board or Department.
- Section 497.152(1)(b), Florida Statutes: Committing fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of any of the activities regulated under this chapter.
- Section 497.152(4)(h), Florida Statutes: Failing to perform and statutory or legal obligation placed on a licensee.

- Section 497.607(1), Florida Statutes: at the time of the arrangement for a cremation performed by any person licensed pursuant to this chapter, the legally authorized person contracting for cremation services shall be required to designate her or his intentions with respect to disposition of the cremated remains of the deceased in a signed declaration of intent which shall be provided by and retained by the funeral or direct disposal establishment. A cremation may not be performed until a legally authorized person gives written authorization, which may include the declaration of intent to dispose of the cremated remains, for such cremation.

The disciplinary guidelines for these violations are as follows:

- *Count I: Failing to perform and statutory or legal obligation placed on a licensee: Reprimand, fine of $250-$2,000 plus costs. In addition, probation for six (6) months to one (1) year with conditions, suspension up to one (1) year, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*

The Motion demonstrates that Respondent failed to timely file a responsive pleading contesting the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint, requests that the Board adopt the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint, and requests that the Board issue an appropriate penalty in this matter. The Department would move for a $500 fine and six (6) months of probation.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – I believe we've got a series of four motions that need to be voted on separately.

Mr. Caracci – Yes, I'm sorry. Let me pull those up. Okay. At this time, it would be appropriate for the Chair to entertain a motion determining whether the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to submit a timely request for an informal hearing.

Chair Peeples – Board Members?

MOTION: Ms. Janis Liotta moved that Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to submit a timely request for an informal hearing. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The Department asks that the Chair entertain a motion determining that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – Now that the Board has determined that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter, the Department asks the Chair to entertain a motion to adopt the allegations of fact as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Ms. Clay moved to adopt the allegations of the fact, as set forth in the Administrative Complaint. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – And if the Respondent or counsel for the Respondent is present, now would be an appropriate time to hear from them.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Grabowski?

Mr. Grabowski – Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. And once again, let me apologize to the Board for the misunderstanding of my client's part in terms of filing a response. I just briefly want to provide a little background here. We are not disputing the fact that this authorization form did not have a signed declaration of intent. My client made efforts to have that signed. This was a particularly difficult family to work with. At the time that form was signed, the individual wasn't sure what she wanted to do in terms of having those remains either sent or picked up. That's ultimately why it was not signed. Again, we realize that it's a technical violation of the statute. Ultimately, the legally authorized person did receive the remains in the way she wanted to receive them. So, there's really no harm to the consumer there. I believe this is also the first discipline this licensee has ever

had. And because it is just a minor technical violation, we'd ask that the Board take that into consideration and potentially issue a reprimand because there's no consumer harm. And with that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Mr. Caracci? Mr. Jensen, let's let Mr. Caracci go to the next item and then I'll have you speak, sir. Mr. Caracci?

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The Department offers into evidence the investigative report with exhibits, a copy of which has been previously furnished to the Board, to establish a prima facie case for the violations alleged in the Administrative Complaint. Now that the Board has adopted the findings of fact in this case, the Department asks the Chair to entertain a motion finding that these facts constitute a violation of Florida Statutes as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved that Respondent is in violation of Florida Statutes as charged in the Administrative Complaint. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, we need to get to this next motion, then we'll have discussion, sir. Mr. Caracci?

Mr. Caracci – As stated previously, the Department would move for a $500 fine and six (6) months of probation. I know this is a first offense, but the consumers, I think obtaining a declaration of intent is pretty important to the process here when it comes to the disposition of final remains.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – I have a question for Mr. Grabowski. I noticed on Page 43, I was reading over the cremation authorization, and on the part that says prior to cremation, the first item is checked, and it's got written out of the side, did not comply, which I assume is referring to your statement about a particularly hard family to deal with. But under disposition after cremation, the next section, there's nothing checked. Why did they not cover themselves there by writing something or referring to something that the family has not decided yet? I see there's nothing there. So, I mean, it's hard to go back and do a reprimand when clearly there's a violation according to their own cremation authorization.

Mr. Grabowski – Yes, Mr. Jensen, I understand that. I don't have an answer as to why that was not completed, but having discussed it with my client, what was told to me was this was just a very difficult situation. Mistakes were absolutely made, and we don't dispute that, but I can't really offer any more than that.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, does that complete your question, sir?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Mr. Caracci, would you like to suggest what the Board needs to consider as a motion?

Mr. Caracci – I have nothing further.

Chair Peeples – So as previously stated a few minutes ago, Mr. Caracci made a comment of a $500 fine and a six-month probation. Board members, your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved that Respondent shall pay a $500 fine and six (6) months of probation. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Munson – And if I may, is that a $500 fine and a six-month probation?

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Munson – I heard it correctly. And if I just can indulge Attorney Grabowski. I didn't see a Notice of Appearance, but I know you made so on the record here. Could you just provide your email address?

Mr. Grabowski – Yes. It's lgrabowski@PenningtonLaw.com.

Ms. Munson – Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am. Ms. Marshall?

(b) Williams Funeral Home of Graceville LLC, d/b/a Keahey-Williams Funeral Home: DFS Case No. 356352-26-FC; Division No. ATN-45395 (F715095)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of Keahey Williams Funeral Home on the call today? Hearing none. Mr. Jones is recused from this case and presenting for the Department is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The above-referenced matter is presented to the Board for consideration of the Motion for Determination of Waiver and Request for Informal Hearing and for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Motion) in the matter of Williams Funeral Home of Graceville LLC, d/b/a Keahey-Williams Funeral Home ("Respondent"). At all times material to the allegations herein, Respondent was licensed as a funeral establishment, license number F715095. A Department investigation revealed that Respondent operated with an expired license for nearly six (6) months. This is a one-count Administrative Complaint, and the relevant statutory provisions are as follows:

- Section 497.152(1)(a), Florida Statutes: Violating any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the Board or Department or the statutory predecessors to the Board or Department.
- Section 497.152(1)(b), Florida Statutes: Committing fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of any of the activities regulated under this chapter.
- Section 497.153(5)(b), Florida Statutes: Practicing or attempting to practice with a revoked, suspended, inactive, or delinquent license

The disciplinary guidelines for these violations are as follows:

- *Count I: Attempt to or use a suspended, revoked, inactive, or delinquent license, first violation: If delinquent, $250 per month. If other, fine of $2,000 to $3,500 plus costs. In addition, probation for up to two (2) years with conditions, suspension up to two (2) years, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*

The Motion demonstrates that Respondent failed to timely file a responsive pleading contesting the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint, requests that the Board adopt the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint, and requests that the Board issue an appropriate penalty in this matter. At this time, it would be appropriate for the Chair to entertain a motion determining whether the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond and thus waive the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved that Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond and thus waive the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – The Department asks that the Chair entertain a motion determining that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter.

MOTION: Ms. Clay moved that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – Now that the Board has determined that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter, the Department asks the Chair to entertain a motion to adopt the allegations of fact as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to adopt the allegations of the fact, as set forth in the Administrative Complaint. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Is there anyone present for Williams Funeral Home of Graceville, LLC, d/b/a Keahey Williams Funeral Home? Please let the record reflect that no one is present. Mr. Caracci?

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The Department offers into evidence the investigative report with exhibits, a copy of which has been previously furnished to the Board, to establish a prima facie case for the violations alleged in the Administrative Complaint. Now that the Board has adopted the findings of fact in this case, the Department asks the Chair to entertain a motion finding that these facts constitute a violation of Florida Statutes as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Mr. Clark moved that Respondent is in violation of Florida Statutes as charged in the Administrative Complaint. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – So, the Department would be moving for a $1,500 fine. The disciplinary guidelines say $250 for every month in which activity occurred and which the license was expired. We are at six (6) months here.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved that Respondent shall pay a $1,500 fine. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Munson – Excuse me. I'm sorry. I'm sorry if I'm repetitive. I just need you to repeat what the penalty was? $1,500 fine? Was that it? I'm breaking in and out.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Munson – Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am. Ms. Marshall?

(3) Motion for Determination of Waiver and Request for Informal Hearing and for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Probable Cause Panel B)

(a) Related Cases – ATN-46866

1. Remakestones LLC: DFS Case No. 357194-26-FC; Division No. ATN-46866 (F855858)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of Remake Stones on the call today? Hearing nothing. Mr. Williams is recused from this case, and presenting for the Department is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The above-referenced matter is presented to the Board for consideration of the Motion for Determination of Waiver and Request for Informal Hearing and for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Motion) in the matter of Remakestones LLC ("Respondent"). At all times material to the allegations herein, Respondent was licensed as a monument establishment retailer from May 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025, license number F855858. A Department investigation revealed that Respondent continues to advertise its services while its license is inactive, failed to promptly report a change in location to the Department, failed to keep its office open to the public during normal business hours, and failed to deliver a monument that was paid for. This is a four-count Administrative Complaint, and the relevant statutory provisions are as follows:

- Section 497.152(1)(a), Florida Statutes: Violating any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the Board or Department or the statutory predecessors to the Board or Department.
- Section 497.152(1)(b), Florida Statutes: Committing fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of any of the activities regulated under this chapter.
- Section 497.153(5)(b), Florida Statutes: Practicing or attempting to practice with a revoked, suspended, inactive, or delinquent license.
- Section 497152(13)(a), Florida Statutes: failing without reasonable justification to timely honor contracts entered into by the licensee or under the licensee's license for funeral or burial merchandise or services.
- Section 497.550(1), Florida Statutes: No person shall conduct, maintain, manage, or operate a monument establishment in this state unless the monument establishment is licensed.
- Section 497.552(3), Florida Statutes: A monument establishment shall at all times have and maintain a full-service place of business at a specific street address or location in Florida complying with the following requirement: its office and display area shall normally be open to the public weekdays during normal business hours.

- Section 497.553(6)(b), Florida Statutes: A change in location shall be promptly reported to the licensing authority. Operations by the licensee at a new location may not commence until an inspection by the licensing authority of the facilities, pursuant to rules of the licensing authority, has been conducted and passed at the new location.
- Rule 69K-12.004(3), *Florida Administrative Code*: The failure of a monument establishment to deliver and install a purchased monument or marker by the date agreed in the agreement shall entitle the purchaser to a full refund of all amounts paid by the purchaser for the monument and its delivery and installation, unless the monument establishment has obtained a written agreement from the purchaser extending the delivery date. Such refunds shall be made within 30 days after receipt by the monument establishment of the purchaser's written request for a refund.

The disciplinary guidelines for these violations are as follows:

- *Count I: Failing without reasonable justification to timely honor contracts entered into by the licensee or under the licensee's license for funeral or burial merchandise or services. Reprimand, fine of $500-$1,000 plus costs. In addition, probation for up to one (1) year with conditions, suspension up to one (1) year, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*
- *Count II: Attempt to or use a suspended, revoked, inactive, or delinquent license, first violation: If delinquent, $250 per month. If other, fine of $2,000 to $3,500 plus costs. In addition, probation for up to two (2) years with conditions, suspension up to two (2) years, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*
- *Count III: No guidelines.*
- *Count IV: Failure of a monument establishment to maintain a full-service place of business at a specific street address or location and comply with the requirement set out in section. Reprimand, fine of $1,000-$2,500 plus costs. In addition, probation for six (6) months to one (1) year with conditions, suspension up to one (1) year, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*

The Motion demonstrates that Respondent failed to timely file a responsive pleading contesting the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint, requests that the Board adopt the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint, and requests that the Board issue an appropriate penalty in this matter. At this time, it would be appropriate for the Chair to entertain a motion determining whether the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond and thus waive the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved that Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond and thus waive the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – The Department asks that the Chair entertain a motion determining that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – Now that the Board has determined that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter, the Department asks the Chair to entertain a motion to adopt the allegations of fact as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to adopt the allegations of the fact, as set forth in the Administrative Complaint. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Is there anyone present representing Remake Stones, LLC on the call today? Please let the record reflect that no one is present. Mr. Caracci?

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The Department offers into evidence the investigative report with exhibits, a copy of which has been previously furnished to the Board, to establish a prima facie case for the violations alleged in the Administrative Complaint. Now that the Board has adopted the findings of fact in this case, the Department asks the Chair to entertain a motion finding that these facts constitute a violation of Florida Statutes as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

Chair Peeples – Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved that Respondent is in violation of Florida Statutes as charged in the Administrative Complaint. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – So, as previously stated, the license is in an invalid state currently. The Department would go ahead and like to take it one step further and have this license revoked or in the alternative, if they ever move to have their license reinstated, they, at a minimum, have to provide restitution to the consumer, but the Department would lean very heavily on revocation, given that. I mean, what's striking to me in this case isn't just the fact that as of last year, for a good, what, a 9-month period, there was a paid-for monument that wasn't delivered. But the Respondent in this case never even entertained the calls and attempts to contact that the consumer has made regarding this matter. And I think that's about as grievous as it comes.

Chair Peeples – Any discussion on these matters? Yes, Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – So, I know nine (9) months sounds like a long time, but it happens all the time. And the marker was not paid for. There was a $1,000 deposit put down. So, it was not completely paid for. But I do agree with Mr. Caracci in regard to communication with the family. The message that the complaint left on his voicemail did kind of explain a few things, but it was just kind of just there, you know. So, I do think he should have called and had more communication. I just wanted to say that nine (9) months is -- it depends on -- and this was Blackstone. Blackstone comes from -- well, it comes from America, but it also comes from India and a few other places. And I know that personally, I've had some issues with all the freight and the ships out there and that type of thing. So, it would have been nice to hear from this guy and been able to ask questions like this to him. That's my comment. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Board members, your pleasure.

MOTION: Ms. Clay moved that Respondent's license be revoked. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall, did you have your hand up, ma'am?

Ms. Marshall – Yes, ma'am. I would also like to suggest that we add in restitution to these consumers. That obviously, the license has already expired. We're revoking it. Not practically any way to enforce that, but I'd also like to add in as a term that if they should ever reapply for licensure, that this restitution has to be paid before that license could be granted.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Clay, do you agree to amend your motion to include besides the revocation, restitution to the consumer if they ever decide to reapply for licensure?

Ms. Clay – Yes.

Chair Peeples – And Ms. Liotta, do you agree on the second?

Ms. Liotta – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. So, we have an amended motion and a second before us. Any other discussion? Ms. Munson?

Ms. Munson – Just to clarify, with that amended portion of restitution to the consumer, there's no dollar amount, there's no just restitution to the consumer, very general statement on the order?

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Yes. That would be a restitution of the $1,000 paid by consumer KB. Do you need a full name or just initials is good enough?

Ms. Munson – I'll use the initial because the AC is going to be attached to the order, but I just wanted to clarify so there'd be no confusion.

Ms. Marshall – Okay.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Munson. So, we have an amended motion in a second. Any other discussion? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, just to make sure I understand the motion. I was going to mention what Ms. Marshall did mention about the consumer getting their money back. So, Ms. Marshall, you're saying that their license is revoked. And if and when they pay the consumer back, how are you going to be notified of that? And also, if they reapply, they can reapply. Is that correct? It's not a permanent revocation. It's just revoked until if/and when they pay the consumer.

Ms. Marshall – Well, a restitution would be a precondition to become relicensed. You know, obviously, if they were to reapply, they would have to come before the Board. Their entire history, including this discipline, would have to be considered. But certainly, it would be on them to demonstrate that they had paid their restitution and complied with any other conditions the Board would want to put on them at that time.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, does that complete your question?

Mr. Jensen – Well, I guess where I'm going with this is, what's to prevent them from putting the company in a different name and operating business? I'm trying to make sure the consumer gets their money back. And do we have any teeth there? Or shouldn't we have a little fine for the Department, too, or not?

Ms. Marshall – I mean, certainly, you could impose a fine. Again, as they are already expired and about to be revoked, it looks like there wouldn't be a practical way for us to collect that, unless, again, we were to make it as a condition for re-licensure someday. Mr. Rogers, who is the next case, is the, you know, the owner or the principal of this business. So, he would come up as well if he were trying to open another monument establishment. And we can address him in the next case with similar conditions on his license.

Mr. Jensen – Okay. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Is there any other discussion before we take a vote? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, please say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed to the motion, say No. Motion carries. Ms. Marshall?

2. Rogers, Raynard; DFS Case No. 357195-26-FC; Division No. ATN-46866 (F855691)

Ms. Marshall – Is Mr. Rogers or his representative on the call today? Hearing nothing, Mr. Williams is recused from this case. And presenting for the Department again is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The above-referenced matter is presented to the Board for consideration of the Motion for Determination of Waiver and Request for Informal Hearing and for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Motion) in the matter of Raynard Rogers ("Respondent"). Raynard Rogers ("Respondent") was licensed as a monument establishment sales agent from April 30, 2025, to October 1, 2025, license number F855691. Respondent operated, managed, and served as registered agent for Remakestones LLC ("Remakestones"), licensed in this state as a monument establishment retailer from May 1, 2025, to October 1, 2025, having been issued license number F855858. Remakestones continues to advertise its services while its license is inactive, failed to promptly report a change in location to the Department, failed to keep its office open to the public during normal business hours, and failed to deliver a monument. This is a one-count Administrative Complaint, and the relevant statutory provisions are as follows:

- Section 497.152(1)(a), Florida Statutes: Violating any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the Board or Department or the statutory predecessors to the Board or Department.
- Section 497.152(1)(b), Florida Statutes: Committing fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of any of the activities regulated under this chapter.
- Section 497.153(5)(b), Florida Statutes: Practicing or attempting to practice with a revoked, suspended, inactive, or delinquent license Section 497152(13)(a), Florida Statutes: failing without reasonable justification to timely honor contracts entered into by the licensee or under the licensee's license for funeral or burial merchandise or services.

- Section 497.550(1), Florida Statutes: No person shall conduct, maintain, manage, or operate a monument establishment in this state unless the monument establishment is licensed.
- Section 497.552(3), Florida Statutes: A monument establishment shall at all times have and maintain a full-service place of business at a specific street address or location in Florida complying with the following requirement: its office and display area shall normally be open to the public weekdays during normal business hours.
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The disciplinary guidelines for these violations are as follows:

- *Count I: Failing without reasonable justification to timely honor contracts entered into by the licensee or under the licensee's license for funeral or burial merchandise or services. Reprimand, fine of $500-$1,000 plus costs. In addition, probation for up to one (1) year with conditions, suspension up to one (1) year, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*
- *Count II: Attempt to or use a suspended, revoked, inactive, or delinquent license, first violation: If delinquent, $250 per month. If other, fine of $2,000 to $3,500 plus costs. In addition, probation for up to two (2) years with conditions, suspension up to two (2) years, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*
- *Count III: No guidelines.*
- *Count IV: Failure of a monument establishment to maintain a full-service place of business at a specific street address or location and comply with the requirement set out in section. Reprimand, fine of $1,000-$2,500 plus costs. In addition, probation for six (6) months to one (1) year with conditions, suspension up to one (1) year, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*

The Motion demonstrates that Respondent failed to timely file a responsive pleading contesting the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint, requests that the Board adopt the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint, and requests that the Board issue an appropriate penalty in this matter. At this time, it would be appropriate for the Chair to entertain a motion determining whether the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond and thus waived the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved that Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond and thus waived the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – The Department asks that the Chair entertain a motion determining that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – Now that the Board has determined that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter, the Department asks the Chair to entertain a motion to adopt the allegations of fact as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to adopt the allegations of the fact, as set forth in the Administrative Complaint. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Is there anyone present representing Mr. Raynard Rogers? Please let the record reflect that there is no one present on the call today. Mr. Caracci?

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The Department offers into evidence the investigative report with exhibits, a copy of which has been previously furnished to the Board, to establish a prima facie case for the violations alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

Now that the Board has adopted the findings of fact in this case, the Department asks the Chair to entertain a motion finding that these facts constitute a violation of Florida Statutes as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved that Respondent is in violation of Florida Statutes as charged in the Administrative Complaint. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Caracci – And as Mr. Rogers effectively is Remakestones, we would go ahead and echo our wishes for Remakestones in so much as his license is revoked and that he owes restitution to the consumers in this case, certainly as a condition of re-licensure if he applies again.

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Mr. Caracci, do we know if there are any outstanding markers that have to be put out at this point?

Mr. Caracci – Well, there was a prior case against Mr. Rogers and Remakestones. They moved for a formal hearing in that one. We haven't forwarded it to DOA yet. But there was a number of similar incidents involving undelivered monuments and that at least had a down payment.

Mr. Ferreira – That's it. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – I'd just like to note, again, Mr. Caracci said that that is a pending case. An Administrative Complaint has been filed, but there's been no final disposition, so he is entitled to a hearing on that matter and those matters because they haven't been disposed of. Ms. Munson, please correct me here, but we can't be considering outstanding cases in this matter today.

Ms. Munson – You are correct. I was just curious about the motion regarding penalty for the individual. It's going to mirror the penalty for the other case, but we don't want to -- I just want to be careful wording it where you're not wanting him to pay twice.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Munson, I think what Mr. Caracci was suggesting is for revocation of Mr. Raynard Rogers' license and that he would need to make restitution, which is a $1,000 amount, to the consumer, if he wanted to get re-licensed. Does that help answer your question?

Ms. Munson – I had that understood, so I guess it's once he makes restitution on either case, he covers for restitution on both.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am, but we don't have a motion in a second yet. Ms. Clay?

Ms. Clay – I'm unsure how to make the motion, because the license has already been revoked. Am I correct?

Chair Peeples – No, ma'am. This is Mr. Raynard Rogers' individual, not the entity.

MOTION: Ms. Clay moved that Respondent be revoked along with the stipulations that involve him paying the client back if he applies for re-licensing. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Clay, if you would amend your motion to state that because there are two (2) cases, one (1) against the entity and one (1) against the individual, that the restitution is one-time payment to the client?

Ms. Clay – Yes, I will amend it to add the one-time payment to the client.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Liotta, do you agree?

Ms. Liotta – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. So, we have an amended motion, Board members. Is there any other discussion? All in favor of the motion, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed, say no. Motion carries.

(4) Settlement Stipulation(s) (Probable Cause Panel B)
(a) Dallas, Theodore Roosevelt IV: DFS Case No. 330835-24-FC; Division No. ATN-42285 (F045327)

Ms. Marshall – This matter is being withdrawn for consideration on a future meeting agenda.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall, do we not need to take a vote on the settlement stipulation for Mr. Dallas?

Ms. Marshall – No, ma'am. The Department is withdrawing that item for now.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

F. Application(s) for Preneed Sales Agent
(1) Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum A

Ms. Marshall – This is an informational item pertaining to Section 497.466, Florida Statutes. The applicants on Addendum A have been issued their licenses and appointments as preneed sales agents.

G. Application(s) for Continuing Education
(1) Course Approval - Recommended for Approval without Conditions – Addendum B
(a) Colibri Healthcare (113)
(b) Education Workers Group (11208)
(c) Jeffrey Holcomb (58008)
(d) National Funeral Directors Association (49609)
(e) Selected Independent Funeral Homes (137)
(f) The Independent Funeral Group (55808)
(g) Wilbert Funeral Services (39408)

Ms. Marshall – The course presented on Addendum B has been reviewed by the CE Committee, and the Committee as well as the Division recommends approval for the number of hours so indicated.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to approve the applications. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

H. Application(s) for Florida Laws and Rules Examination
(1) Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum C
(a) Direct Disposer
1. Montgomery, Michelle
(b) Funeral Director (Internship)
1. Exilus, Hermin
2. Williams, Angelina N
(c) Funeral Director and Embalmer (Internship and Exam)
1. Atwell, Hadleigh K
2. Clark, Keli L
3. Gurrola, Astrid A
4. Mitchelli, Justin C
5. Price, Jason A

6. *Santino, Angela*
7. *White, Shaunna A*
8. *Zebart, Christopher*

Ms. Marshall – This is an informational item. Pursuant to Rule 69K–1.005, F. A. C., the Division has previously approved the application listed on Addendum C. And with that, Madam Chair, I believe we're going to take a break.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am. Let's take a restroom break. It's 11:14. Let's come back at, if we can, 11:20 so we can proceed with the agenda. Thank you.

**********BREAK**********

Chair Peeples – We are back with our meeting. It's 11:22. So I'll call the meeting back to order. Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair.

I. Application(s) for Internship

(1) Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum D

(a) Funeral Director

1. *Gibbs, Alexis F709715*

(b) Funeral Director & Embalmer (Concurrent)

1. *Aguilar-Reyes, Cecilia F966045*
2. *Graham, Lindwood C F886488*
3. *Nelson, Jared A F968025*
4. *Raudales, Annette K F967053*
5. *Richard, Geline F966426*
6. *Sauer, Madison A F967433*

(c) Embalmer

1. *Anderson, Caleb F601824*
2. *Bastanzi, Jacqueline V F086912*

Ms. Marshall – This is an informational item. Pursuant to Rule 69K–1.005, F. A. C., the Division has previously approved the application listed on Addendum D.

(2) Request to Renew Internship

(a) Recommended for Approval without Conditions

1. *Funeral Director & Embalmer, Concurrent Intern*
   a. *McNeal Jr, Arnold M F882858*

Ms. Marshall – Is Mr. McNeal or a representative on the call today?

Mr. Arnold McNeal, Jr. – I'm here on the call.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Mr. McNeal. An application to renew the concurrent internship license due to illness, hardship, or awaiting results was received by the Department on August 12, 2026. The application was reviewed and processed and has been deemed complete. The applicant is currently licensed as a concurrent intern pursuant to Rule 69K-18.003(6), *Florida Administrative Code*, which limits an individual to one (1) concurrent internship in a lifetime. Mr. McNeal's Concurrent Internship license expired on August 11, 2026. The request for renewal was received one (1) day after the internship expiration date and, therefore, was not timely filed. Based on the explanation of the hardship provided and the applicant's awaiting examination results, the request is being presented to the Board for consideration. Although the renewal request was received one (1) day after the expiration of the internship, the Division recommends approval. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, if you have questions for Mr. McNeal, we will need to swear him in. So does any Board member put your hand up if you have a question, please, for Mr. McNeal? Thank you. Ms. Marshall, could you swear in Mr. McNeal, please?

Ms. Marshall – Mr. McNeal, do you have a video camera option?

Mr. McNeal – I'm joining via phone call.

Ms. Marshall – That's fine. All right. Can you please raise your right hand? Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth to help you God?

Mr. McNeal – Yes.

Ms. Marshall – Okay. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Mr. McNeal, would you state your name and spell your last name for the record, please?

Mr. McNeal – Arnold McNeal, last name M-C-N-E-A-L.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Mr. Jensen, would you like to proceed?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, ma'am. I jumped the gun a little bit. I heard questions and I didn't -- I don't have a question for Mr. McNeal. I do have a question for Ms. Marshall or Ms. Schwantes on this. This comes up quite a bit, and I know that it's a rule. Is this rule coming before the Rules Committee to look at later on? We seem to have this quite often about renewing internships.

Ms. Marshall – I would have to defer to Ms. Schwantes on that question.

Ms. Schwantes – If this is 69K-18, is it one of those? I think Ms. Marshall called it out. 69K-18, all four (4) rules contained in that chapter will be back up for review by the Committee and then by the Board during the annual review process.

Mr. Jensen – Thank you, Ms. Schwantes. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – You're welcome. Board members, your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you for participating today, Mr. McNeal.

Mr. McNeal – Thank you, Madam Chair.

b. Noel, Nicholas A F788

Ms. Marshall – Is Mr. Noel or a representative on the call today?

Mr. Nicholas Noel – Yes, I'm here.

Ms. Marshall – All right. Thank you, Mr. Noel. An application to renew the Concurrent Internship license due to illness, hardship, or awaiting results was received by the Department on August 10, 2026. The application was reviewed and processed and has been deemed complete. The applicant is currently licensed as a Concurrent Intern pursuant to Rule 69K-18.003(6), *Florida Administrative Code,* which limits an individual to one (1) concurrent internship in a lifetime. Mr. Noel's Concurrent Internship license expires on September 2, 2026, and the request for renewal was received timely. Based on the timely receipt of the renewal request, the explanation of the hardship provided, and the applicant's awaiting examination results, the request is being presented to the Board for consideration. The Division recommends approval. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Board members, do you have any questions for Mr. Noel? Just show me a show of hands. Thank you. Mr. Noel, if you would like to present any information to the Board members, we would need to swear you in. Will you need to be sworn in, sir?

Mr. Noel – No, that won't be necessary, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you for being present today, sir.

Mr. Noel – Thank you all.

2. Embalmer Intern
a. Callins, Tandria M F471879

Ms. Marshall – Is Ms. Callins or a representative on the call today?

Ms. Tandria Callins – I'm here.

Ms. Marshall – All right. An application to renew the embalmer intern license due to illness, hardship, or awaiting results was received by the Department on August 7, 2026. The application was reviewed and processed and has been deemed complete. The applicant is currently licensed as an embalmer intern pursuant to Rule 69K-18.001(5), *Florida Administrative Code*, which provides that, *"if an intern fails to complete the intern training as stated in subsections (3) and (4), because of illness or personal injury, the Board shall permit the intern to reregister only for the period of time required to complete the one year of training."* Ms. Callins has also graduated from St. Petersburg College with an associate's degree in Funeral Services, with the degree awarded on July 25, 2025. Therefore, she has satisfied the applicable educational requirement. Based on the medical explanation submitted, the applicant's completion of the educational requirement, and the satisfaction of all other applicable requirements, the request is being presented to the Board for consideration. Ms. Callins' Embalmer Intern license expires on October 21, 2026, and the renewal application was received timely. Accordingly, the Division recommends approval. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Board members, do you have any questions for Ms. Callins? Show me a show of hands if you do. Thank you. Ms. Callins, would you like to present anything to the Board? If so, we would need to swear you in.

Ms. Callins – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth to help you God?

Ms. Callins – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Please state your name and spell your last name for the record, please.

Ms. Callins – Tandria Callins, C-A-L-L-I-N-S.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Would you like to address the Board members?

Ms. Callins – Yes. If it is appropriate, I would like my name to be spelled correctly on the agenda for the records. It's D-R-I-A instead of D-I-R-A.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. We appreciate that. Do you have any other items to relate to us?

Ms. Callins – I just wanted to explain the medical hardship. I had a second back surgery August 6th of last year, and it prevented me from actively beginning my internship in October.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. We appreciate that information. Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you for being present today, ma'am.

Ms. Callins – Thank you for the opportunity.

3. Funeral Director Intern
a. Bernstorf, Lorena M F229821

Ms. Marshall – Is Ms. Bernstorf or a representative on the call today?

Ms. Lorena Bernstorf – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Marshall – All right. Thank you, Ms. Bernstorf. An application to renew the funeral director internship due to illness, hardship, or awaiting results was received by the Division on July 9, 2026. Upon review of the application and the applicant's licensing file, it was determined that the incorrect renewal application had been submitted. The Division contacted Mrs. Bernstorf by email regarding the application error and requested additional information concerning her request to extend her internship. Following subsequent email correspondence and a telephone conversation with Ms. Bernstorf, it was determined that she wishes to proceed with renewal of her funeral director internship only, although she may qualify for both a funeral director and embalmer internship. Ms. Bernstorf understands that, if she later chooses to pursue an embalmer license, she will be required to complete a separate one-year Embalmer Internship. Ms. Bernstorf was previously licensed as a Funeral director and embalmer concurrent intern, which expired on June 5, 2025. Pursuant to Rule 69K-18.003(6), *Florida Administrative Code*, an individual is limited to one (1) concurrent internship in a lifetime. Additionally, pursuant to Rule 69K-18.002(10), *Florida Administrative Code*, a Funeral Director internship may only be extended or renewed when authorized by the licensing authority. Accordingly, this request is being presented to the Board for consideration of an extension and renewal of Ms. Bernstorf's Funeral Director internship only. Although Ms. Bernstorf's initial renewal application was received twenty-six (26) days after the expiration of her internship, the Division considered the explanation of hardship provided and the applicant's completion of the applicable educational requirements. Based on the information provided, the request is being presented to the Board for consideration. The Division recommends approval, while noting that the renewal request was received twenty-six (26) days after the expiration of the internship.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Marshall, would you swear Ms. Bernstorf in, please?

Ms. Marshall – Yes, Ms. Bernstorf, please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing about the truth to help you God?

Ms. Bernstorf – Yes.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Ms. Bernstorf – Lorena Bernstorf, B-E-R-N-S-T-O-R-F.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Board members, does anyone have any questions for Ms. Bernstorf? I do, but I'm going to let Board members kind of go first. Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, I'm just curious. Why is she giving up the embalming part?

Chair Peeples – Would you like to address that, ma'am?

Ms. Bernstorf – Yes, I'm just giving it up. I decided to do just the funeral directing since I only plan on staying in Florida.

Chair Peeples – Do any other Board members have questions? I have a couple of questions, ma'am. In the packet of information, I know there's a lot of communication that you had with Ms. Grant, in the office. And I noticed that you presented a copy of a funeral director's certificate and not an associate's degree. Can you address that, please, ma'am?

Ms. Bernstorf – Yes, ma'am. So, I have to finish my AA and I'm in class right now working on that. So, I just have a few classes left to finish my AA.

Chair Peeples – And where are you pursuing that through? What institution?

Ms. Bernstorf – Seminole State College here in Oviedo, Florida.

Chair Peeples – Okay, so you are not pursuing an associate's degree in mortuary science?

Ms. Bernstorf – I was going to John A. Gupton College in Tennessee, and then I switched to the funeral director certificate program so that I could finish early since I did not intend on doing embalming anymore.

Chair Peeples – Okay, I'd like the record to reflect that I have a kind of an issue with that comment. Also, I noticed in your packet that your Supervisor's Quarterly Report for June 2025, was not presented to the Division office until August when you presented the information. Can you give us an update on that, please, ma'am?

Ms. Bernstorf – Yes, ma'am. Whenever I filled out the paperwork, I had checked the box, which started in August. And so, I somehow just missed turning it in. I apologize for that. I didn't realize it was missing.

Chair Peeples – Okay. And also, I noticed that there was a letter from, I think it would be your sister that was dated March of 2023. And when I went back on our previous agenda, you were approved as a dual concurrent intern in June of 2025 and that information was not presented. So why was it presented now?

Ms. Bernstorf – The letter from my sister, why was that presented?

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Bernstorf – There was a lot of evidence presented. I actually was living out of state and had to flee the state with my three (3) children and come home to Florida. I've had a rough couple of years leaving a domestic violence situation. So, I believe some of that evidence the state didn't include, she said, just for privacy issues. So that is why I changed and stopped the embalming just because it was very difficult for me to get back on my feet and come back to Florida.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. But my whole question is, why are you presenting a letter from March of 2023, when in June of 2025, you presented an application, which everything was evidently good because the application was processed through the office as an informational item during that meeting. But now it's being presented now, which the information you stated, the psychological evaluation was not included because of medical confidentiality for the person that was listed in that particular document. So, I'm trying to wrap my head around because as Mr. Jensen stated earlier, if you were on the call, it states in the packet that you can only get one (1) internship in a lifetime. So, you have one year, just like I'm going to give my background. I went to Mortuary College. I got my two-year degree. I became a concurrent intern for funeral director and embalmer. I had one (1) year to complete the requirements. Then I took my state laws and rules test and passed. And so, if I can do it, you can do it. If I can do it, others can do it. And that's where I have a little heartburn. When everyone wants to come back and wants to -- and I'm not diminishing your situation, please. I'm very sympathetic and empathetic to your situation. But I just have heartburn about your request, and it's almost like you are kind of throwing back on us because of situations that are outside your work environment, which I know those happen. Please, I'm not diminishing. I very respect your situation, but I'm just concerned. I'm just really concerned. And so now we're kind of relinquishing the funeral director's portion. And when did

you make that decision? Because none of your records reflect any kind of funeral director participation in your previous internship time.

Ms. Bernstorf – Can you please repeat that? It cut out the last part.

Chair Peeples – In your previous paperwork for your Supervisor's Quarterly Report, it did not reflect anything for funeral directing. So, when did you make that decision?

Ms. Bernstorf – That was just during December, whenever I completed the program for John A. Gupton.

Chair Peeples – So why wasn't there anything included in the internship prior to December for the funeral directing portion?

Ms. Bernstorf – I'm sorry. I don't have an answer for that.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Board members, do you have any questions for Ms. Bernstorf? Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – What is a certificate for funeral directing? That part's kind of new to me. Can you explain that ma'am?

Ms. Bernstorf – It is a completion for a certificate program, which is through Mortuary College of John A. Gupton in Nashville. And then it is supposed to be accompanied with an AA or AS degree.

Mr. Ferreira – Okay. But that degree doesn't have to be in Mortuary Science?

Ms. Bernstorf – It is in Mortuary Science. Oh, I'm sorry. No, the degree would not need to be in Mortuary Science. I'm sorry. I misunderstood.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Ferreira, does that complete your questions?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, just to maybe help a little bit, Mr. Ferreira and Ms. Peeples here, that is a thing in Florida. As an adjunct in Jacksonville at the college, there is a certificate program for the state of Florida now for funeral director only. So that is actually a thing. I know it comes as a surprise to some of us old schoolers, but apparently it was approved and done. And so, it is a thing. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Jensen. I'm aware about the funeral certificate, but what concerns me and I have heartburn is when she was granted a concurrent internship in June of 2025, it was for funeral director and embalmer, which requires a two-year mortuary degree, an AA for that. So now I'm trying to find out from her what changed to make her want to relinquish the funeral directing part and only become an embalmer. That's where I'm not getting my questions answered. And so that's where my concern is.

Ms. Bernstorf – It's the other way, relinquish embalming and do funeral directing.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Thank you, ma'am. I appreciate that. But Mr. Jensen, that's where my heartburn is. So, is there any other questions for Ms. Bernstorf by the Board members?

Mr. Jensen – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – And Ms. Peeples, on the original thing I asked why was she giving that up? I wonder, and I certainly didn't want to counsel her, but, you know, if she's come this far on the embalming, why give up the internship? You know, she can't be an

FDIC with just a funeral certificate and so forth. Yes, I was curious about that, too. Why give it up if you're into it? But if you're not, if you don't want to do it, I completely understand because there's a lot of people out there that don't. But I myself went the old school way through everything, as you did, Ms. Peeples, and I certainly understand that. But the times are changing and there is a funeral certificate now. So, I guess that's her prerogative to change if she wants to change. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Any other questions by Board members? Hearing none, let's take a vote. All in favor of the application request, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed, say No. Chair Peeples, I'm a no. Is there any other opposition vote? Let the record reflect that Chair Peeples is No. Motion carries. Thank you, ma'am, for coming on today.

Ms. Bernstorf – Thank you for your time.

b. Lamour, Adriana F884939

Ms. Marshall – Is Ms. Lamour or a representative on the call today?

Ms. Adriana Lamour – I am.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you. An application to renew the funeral director internship license due to illness, hardship, or awaiting results was received by the Department on July 1, 2026. The application was reviewed and processed and has been deemed complete. The applicant was previously issued a funeral director intern license pursuant to Rule 69K-18.002(10), *Florida Administrative Code*, which provides that only one internship may be issued to a person unless the licensing authority grants an extension or renewal. Ms. Lamour's funeral director intern license expired on August 18, 2026, and the request for renewal was received timely. Based on the timely receipt of the renewal request and the explanation of the hardship provided, the request is being presented to the Board for consideration. The Division recommends approval without conditions. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Raise of hands, are there any Board members have a question for Ms. Lamour so we can swear her in? Ms. Lamour, if you would like to address the Board members, we need to swear you in. Would you like to take care of that?

Ms. Lamour – I would. I'm so sorry. My hardship is because I became a mom.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Lamour, thank you. Let us swear you in really quickly. Thank you, ma'am. Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Yes. Can you please raise your right hand if you have it free? Okay. Can you unmute yourself, please?

Ms. Lamour – Yes.

Ms. Marshall – Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Lamour – I swear. I'm sorry. I apologize.

Chair Peeples – If you will, ma'am, if you'll state your name and spell your last name for the record, please.

Ms. Lamour – It's Adriana Lamour. L-A-M-O-U-R.

Chair Peeples – Would it help you out if we kind of table this item and come back to you later in the agenda? Would that help you out?

Ms. Lamour – Absolutely.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Why don't we do that and that will give you a few minutes to kind of get your little one quiet. Okay. And if we will, Ms. Marshall, I think I was incorrect on the previous case. So, Board members, we're going back to Ms. Bernstorf.

3. Funeral director intern
a. Bernstorf, Lorena M F229821

Chair Peeples – I don't think we had a motion and a second. I think I called for a vote without a motion or a second. Ms. Munson, can you kind of help me out if you have anything for your notes?

Ms. Munson – I don't.

Chair Peeples – Okay. So, I don't show that I have a motion by a Board member.

Ms. Munson – We have a recording agent. I mean, is the recording agent there? It'd be safe to save time with the motion in a second.

Ms. LaTonya Bryant – I didn't have anything written down.

Chair Peeples – I just took a vote. I'm sorry. I was kind of going a little fast for that. So, what would be the Board member's pleasure regarding her application request?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Is there any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed say No. Chair Peeples is a no.

Mr. Williams – No.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Williams, are you a no?

Mr. Williams – I was a No the first time as well.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Thank you, sir. I appreciate that. So please let the record reflect that Chair Peeples and Mr. Williams voted No. So, the motion carries. So, Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Yes, Madam Chair.

J. Notification(s) of a Change in Location
(1) Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum E
(a) South Florida Crematory, LLC d/b/a Atlantis Simple Cremations (F813524)

Ms. Marshall – This is an informational item. The establishment listed on Addendum E has applied for a change of location of their business. The only criteria for approval is that the new location pass inspection by the Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services.

K. Application(s) for Funeral Establishment
(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions
(a) Caribe Funeral Home, LLC (North Miami)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? I think I saw somebody earlier. Caribe Funeral Home?

Mr. Kirk Yearby – I'm here.

Ms. Marshall – Okay. Who is this speaking?

Mr. Yearby – This is Kirk Yearby, the FDIC.

Ms. Marshall – Okay. Thank you, Mr. Yearby. A new application for a funeral establishment licensure was received on April 29, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on July 17, 2026. The FDIC will be Mr. Kirk Z. Yearby (F496728). A background check of the principals, Mr. Felix Nemirovsky and Mr. Boris Kurbatsky, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. As a result, the Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the establishment pass an inspection by a member of the Division staff. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, please show me kind of hands if there's anyone who has a question for Mr. Yearby and we'll get him sworn in. Ms. Marshall, if you will, swear in Mr. Yearby, please.

Ms. Marshall – Yes, ma'am. Please raise your right hand. All right. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth to help you God?

Mr. Yearby – Yes.

Ms. Marshall – Okay. Thank you. Can you please state and spell your name for the record?

Mr. Yearby – My name is Kirk Yearby, K-I-R-K, last name Y-E-A-R-B-Y.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Yearby, thank you for being present today. I have a couple of questions. On the application there were several items in the application itself, like on PDF Page 5, Page 6, where it talks about refrigeration, embalming and cremation, there's nothing listed as to the name of the entity and the license number of who is going to be assisting you with that. Even though there were some forms that were later down in the PDF, that's going to need to be completed. As well as on a couple of your agreements, it does not include the license number of the entity that's going to be assisting you. One of the forms does and one does not. But I've noticed that these different companies that you're going to partner with shows the entity name is C-A-R-I-B. Can you please correct for the record, what is the correct spelling of the funeral home name?

Mr. Yearby – The correct spelling is C-A-R-I-B. No E.

Chair Peeples – No E. Okay. If I may, if I can have just one moment to look at an item really quickly. Thank you for the indulgence as I'm working off of one screen since I had to move. We have on our cover sheet C-A-R-I-B-E as well as that is the name spelling that's on the application, C-A-R-I-B-E. So that item would have to be completed and taken care of going forward. So, does any Board member have a question for Mr. Yearby? Hearing none, what is the Board's pleasure?

MOTION: Chair Peeples moved to approve the application subject to the condition that that the application items be completed and the entities that will be assisting him have new forms presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Is there any discussion on the motion? Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – We also have the, they still need to have their inspection done so that would need to be a condition as well.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. So, I'll amend my motion, Mr. Williams, to include inspection.

Mr. Williams – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. So we have an amended motion. Any questions for Mr. Yearby? Ms. Munson?

Ms. Munson – Not for him, but for the clarification of the motion for the order. You want his name corrected on the application to not show an E, you want the on-site inspection, but I was not clear about the entities assisting him that they have their new forms presented. Could you please identify what page number you're referencing?

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am. On the application Page 5 of 18 and 6 of 18, he has not listed the names of the companies that are going to be assisting him. So those items need to be completed, like where it says cremation. I think it's number 4B on that page. I'm sorry. 4B not completed, 4D not completed, and then when it comes down to the entities on Page 15 that are going to be assisting him, there's no license number listed on that. So, it's kind of just some cleanup items.

Ms. Munson – I would just say complete the application fully because without the additional details, I'll just let it say that.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. I appreciate that.

Mr. Yearby – If I may, Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Yearby – These are all documents that were sent to Mr. Smith with everything, with the license numbers and everything on them.

Chair Peeples – Let me go back really quick, sir, if you'll give me just a moment. As I mentioned, I'm working on one screen, so thank you for your indulgence.

Mr. Yearby – I understand. Yes, the same documents that you're speaking of. They were all sent to Mr. Smith. And if I need to send them again, I'll send them again.

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir. On Page 14 of 18 of our packets, it has a removal refrigeration agreement with Island Bird LDT LLC. And you've included a license or it was included a license number for that entity on that particular agreement form. When you go to Page 17 of 18, an embalming facility agreement between Emmanuel Funeral Home, there's no license number listed on that particular form. So that's one of the forms that I'm speaking of there. So, it's just some cleanup items that will need to be completed.

Mr. Yearby – Not a problem.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Board members, we have a motion in a second. All in favor of the motion, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed, say No. Motion carries. Thank you for participating today, sir.

Mr. Yearby – Thank you so much.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair.

L. Application(s) for Preneed Main

(1) Recommended for Approval without Conditions

(a) A Good Shepherd's Funeral Home and Cremation Services LLC (F080820) (Oakland Park)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of Good Shepherd's on the call today?

Ms. Victoria Sheppard – Yes, there is.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you. The Department received an application for a new preneed license on July 20, 2026, and deficiencies were noted. All deficiencies were resolved as of August 17, 2026. The sole owner and member of the LLC is

Dwayne Sheppard. A completed background check of the principal was returned to the Division without criminal history. Applicant held a valid preneed main license (F080820) as of December 9, 2019, through June 30, 2026, which expired due to nonrenewal. Therefore, Applicant is re-applying for licensure. Applicant obtained its qualifying funeral establishment license as of August 14, 2014, under license # F080820 at the above-listed location. If approved, Applicant will sell insurance-funded preneed through Great Western Insurance Company (GWIC) and utilize their approved pre-funded funeral agreement forms. The Division recommends approval without conditions. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you. If you will swear in the applicant representative, please.

Ms. Marshall – Sure. Please raise your right hand and can you turn your audio on? Thank you. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing for the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Sheppard – Yes.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you. Can you please state and spell your name for the record?

Ms. Sheppard – Victoria, V-I-C-T-O-R-I-A, and last name is Sheppard, S-H-E-P-P-A-R-D.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Marshall, and thank you, Ms. Sheppard for participating today. I have a question for you. I noticed in the packet that you had included a statement of goods and services for Great Western Insurance Company, and I did not see an application form attached with that sample agreement. Can you update me, because when you are going to be offering preneed arrangements to be paid through an insurance company, there needs to be an application or an enrollment form, and our firm used to be a client of Great Western, which is now Wellabe. So, can you update me on that, please, ma'am?

Ms. Sheppard – Yes. So, it's been a while since we've done this. As you can see, we had a license back in 2019. When I reached out to Great Western to ask them the items that I needed to submit to you guys, that was what they informed me. So, I can reach out to them to get that additional information and provide it to you all.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. And who will be your licensed agent? I didn't see anything in the packet that showed anyone was appointed by Great Western Wellabe.

Ms. Sheppard – I will be.

Chair Peeples – Okay. So those are two (2) items that I'll make a motion, and we'll see if we have any other questions for you, ma'am.

MOTION: Chair Peeples moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the Application Enrollment Form and Statement of Goods and Services, as well as Ms. Sheppard's approval letter, are submitted to the Division office. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion.

Mr. Jensen – Question, Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Jensen – I do have a question. I noticed on Page 4 that they're going to be doing business under AGS Funeral Home. What is that entity?

Ms. Sheppard – So, it's the same entity. It's just a DBA. So, I didn't know if we needed to list that, but it's just an abbreviation.

Mr. Jensen – Okay. So, the entity, it's not Good Shepherd's Funeral Home. It's actually AGS Funeral Home. Is that correct, or not?

Ms. Sheppard – No, it's A Good Shepherd's Funeral Home. It's just an abbreviation of the name.

Mr. Jensen – Okay.

Ms. Sheppard – So, our legal business name with SunBiz is A Good Shepherd's Funeral Home.

Mr. Jensen – I got it. Thank you for that clarification.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Jensen. Let's ask Ms. Marshall, or it may need to go to Ms. Munson. That was kind of one of the questions I had also, is when you have a DBA, that's the name that you'll be licensed to use on all printed material. Is that correct, Ms. Marshall or Ms. Munson?

Ms. Marshall – Yes, I believe, and I may need to ask Ms. Schwantes for some backup here on this, but I believe that if there is a DBA, then that is what they're required statutorily to use for their name in business.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Schwantes, would you like to add any information to what Ms. Marshall mentioned?

Ms. Schwantes – No, Ms. Marshall correctly stated. You can use the legal name or the DBA.

Ms. Munson – So, it's either or?

Ms. Schwantes – I believe so.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Sheppard?

Ms. Sheppard – Yes. So, it's not a DBA. I misspoke. It's just an abbreviation of A Good Shepherd's Funeral Home. It's just AGS Funeral Home. It's just an abbreviation of the business. So, our SunBiz is A Good Shepherd's Funeral Home and Cremation Services, and that's what we do business under.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, do you have any follow-up?

Mr. Jensen – A little bit. So, I understand it's an abbreviation, but I wanted to make sure that Ms. Sheppard understands it really can't be used where it says you're going to be using another name. And maybe you were just shortening it for the sake of completing the application quickly. I didn't know if it was a DBA, and basically Ms. Marshall straightened that out. You would need a license under whoever you're doing business with to make sure the consumers are not confused. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. So, we have a motion and a second. Is there any other discussion on the motion or any questions for Ms. Sheppard? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed, say No. Motion carries. Thank you, ma'am, for being present today.

Ms. Sheppard – No problem. Thank you.

(b) A. Roese Cremation & Memorial Society Inc (F941203) (Sarasota)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative on the call today?

Ms. Pettine – Yes. Lauren Pettine.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Ms. Pettine. The Department received an application for a new preneed license on August 17, 2026, and no deficiencies were noted. The sole officer and owner of the corporation is Amanda Gendron-Roese. A completed background check of the principal was returned to the Division without criminal history. Applicant held a valid preneed main license (F941203) as of April 2, 2026, through June 30, 2026, which expired due to non-renewal. Therefore, Applicant is re-applying for licensure. Applicant obtained its qualifying funeral establishment license as of April 2, 2026, under license

#F941203 at the same location. If approved, Applicant will sell insurance-funded preneed through Great Western Insurance Company and utilize their approved pre-arranged funeral agreement forms. The Division recommends approval without conditions. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Thank you for participating today, Ms. Pettine. Would you like to address the Board members?

Ms. Pettine – I would not. I'm just here for any questions.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Well, I have a question for you, and I would like to kind of address it to Ms. Pettine as well as to Ms. Liotta. I noticed that this particular entity was approved previously with a preneed main license for April 2, 2026, to June 30, 2026. They did not renew this. So that is why we have the application before us as a new application. But I noticed that included under the financial statement, it just shows that on February 2, 2026, there's only $38,000 of assets. There's no expenses. They've been in business for a while. So, if I may, Ms. Pettine, Ms. Liotta, can you give me some information regarding why an entity would not have an updated financial statement?

Ms. Liotta – I don't know why they wouldn't. I mean, this is an indication that this is like a brand-new business endeavor that basically they've just funded and they're going to go into business once they get all the licenses. That's what I assume.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Pettine?

Ms. Pettine – I believe that's accurate as well. Ms. Roese has been working for some time as a funeral director with other entities but is in the process of getting her business up and running at this point. So, I believe Ms. Liotta's analysis is correct.

Chair Peeples – Well, where I have a question, Ms. Pettine, is if she's been in business, she's had expense. So why are we using February 2, 2026, when her initial new first request was put in, and today, here we are, September 3rd, and we don't show any kind of updated financial statement?

Ms. Pettine – Board Chair, we were originally told to resubmit the original preneed main application, but we're more than happy to acquire and send updated information if necessary.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, do you have any questions for Ms. Pettine? What's the Board's pleasure, please?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application. Ms. Clay seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Is there any discussion on the motion? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes. Just curious. Based on what you said, Ms. Peeples, how are we able to approve if we don't have the information that you're looking for on expenses and to make sure the net worth requirements are met? I'm just curious. Is that something we can do or is that something we need to put a caveat in there saying we need updated financials to make the approval official?

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Jensen. That's one of the reasons why I presented it to Ms. Liotta as our CPA member to get her take on this because, to me, as a businessperson, we have expenses every day. Whether we have business or not, we have expenses. So that was my question. And then Ms. Liotta made the motion, and Ms. Clay seconded it without any condition. So, Ms. Liotta, would you like to address that, or would you like to amend your motion?

Ms. Liotta – Yes, we can add in there. So, I'm looking at what is in the file and it says that the financial statements are as of August 17th. Like I said, I assumed that this was a new entity that had just been funded. But if she's got other stuff going on, I don't know if it's under a different entity. I guess that that would need to be clarified. But if this is just a new entity that has been funded and they're looking for licenses to go forward, then I'm fine with this. It makes sense to me.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Liotta, they had their initial first request for pre-need main that was approved in April. And it went to June 30. It was at our April 2nd meeting. It went from April 2, 2026, to June 30, 2026, and they chose not to renew. So, because they chose not to renew, they've had to present a new application packet -- this is their second. So that's where I had the

question referred to you. It just seems like, you know, having the same financial statement from February 2, 2026. So, from February to September 3rd. there's got to be some expenses and things like that. So, Ms. Pettine mentioned that they could present an updated financial statement. So, would you amend your motion to include that?

Ms. Liotta – That's if the August 17th are incorrect. But if August 17th is correct, I'm not sure what additional information we're going to be provided. And I guess, you know, I don't know if we're talking about multiple entities here. And so, she might have expenses with somebody else. This to me looked like it was a new entity that's starting off with a new business. And so, I guess, if this is not a new entity, and you know that there's business happening, then obviously these are incorrect and incorrect statements. But if these are correct statements for this entity, then I'm not sure what more we're going to get out of them if that's the case.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Pettine?

Ms. Pettine – In the interest of full transparency, Wendy fell ill very late last night so I'm getting caught up on information as I go here. I've been in discussions with Liz, who informed me that during the process of submitting this, there was some sort of issue with the preneed licensure renewal causing this application to be sent in. And based on my understanding on communications that Ms. Roese had with Ms. Schwantes, who may be able to shed some more light on the application to be submitted. Our understanding at this point is that this is an accurate reflection of the financials. Based on my understanding of our client's business, at this point is that her disassociation with her previous location has taken some time. And so, it's been the process of getting everything licensed to make sure that she can start building up the business, which may or may not be occurring at this point. So, I don't believe that this is an inaccurate listing of the assets. But if you'd like for me to go ahead and contact my client to get some more clarification as to this or add that as a condition of the approval, I'd be more than happy to prepare some sort of explanatory statement as to why there is no current liabilities and no current expenses on that side.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Ms. Schwantes?

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you, Madam Chair. Ms. Pettine is correct. We did ask the applicant to submit a new application because of the renewal situation. She did not renew timely. Because of when she was approved, she did not receive the invoices and reminders that others in that license category would have received earlier. She missed the renewal date, and when she contacted us about it, we told her to send in her former financial statement that she'd previously filed and been approved on. It is a new business. We don't have any reason to believe that the statements are inaccurate. But again, as Ms. Pettine said, if the Board chooses to have this as a condition, we have no problem with that being added as a condition, but that is how we got to this point.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. So, the question I have for Ms. Liotta, do we need to make an amended motion or do we need to stay with the motion that Ms. Clay seconded?

Ms. Liotta – I guess if there's a question about whether this is accurate or not, we can add to get clarification of the question. I'm not sure just asking for new financial statements is going to get us there. I'm afraid they're just going to send this back to us again, which is why I'm, you know, a little concerned making that a condition. So, I don't know if there's a way we can make a condition just clarification to the question of, you know, why are there no expenses or other items here?

Chair Peeples – And I appreciate that, Ms. Liotta, and I think for the essence of timing and to move along in the agenda, I'll just plan to vote in the negative on this because I'm not comfortable with it. So, we have a motion and we have a second. Is there any discussion on the motion? Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – So, the main license earlier in the year, was it the same company as this company?

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall? Ms. Schwantes?

Ms. Schwantes – Yes, Madam Chair, thank you. It is the same company, the same principles, no changes to anything. It's just that Ms. Roese failed to renew it timely. Again, first instance of her having to renew the new business. Misunderstanding on her part or otherwise, because she received an invoice that was sent out before she actually became licensed. She didn't renew, so this is why she's here with the new application.

Mr. Ferreira – So I see where Chair Peeples has got a question. If it's the same business, the same company, why aren't there liabilities listed? Ms. Liotta, does that make sense?

Ms. Liotta – It just makes sense. Again, like I said, when I saw this, I did think it was like a new venture, which this is normal. Like, it's normal to capitalize a business and then there sometimes it can be a long period of time when you might not do anything with it. But if there has been business run under this particular business, then it seems like they've given us incorrect financial statements.

Mr. Ferreira – Yes. Thank you.

Ms. Liotta – I think that's the question that needs to be answered.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Pettine?

Ms. Pettine – In the interest of giving me an opportunity to connect with my client, Liz has given her a call right now. Would you mind prior to any vote on this, Board Chair, tabling this matter for five (5) minutes to give me an opportunity to confirm and get the actual answer to the question?

Chair Peeples – We'd be glad to.

Ms. Pettine – Okay. Thank you. I'll need approximately five (5) minutes. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Thank you. And while we are doing that, I think if we go back to agenda item regarding Ms. Lamour.

(2) Request to Renew Internship
(a) Recommended for Approval without Conditions
3. Funeral Director Intern
b. Lamour, Adriana F884939

Chair Peeples – Is she on the call? This was under an internship.

Ms. Lamour – Yes, ma'am. I'm here.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Would you be able to turn your camera back on?

Ms. Lamour – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Marshall, I think you read into the minutes, the cover sheet for this. Would you like to reread it?

Ms. Marshall – Absolutely, Madam Chair. All right. An application to renew a funeral director intern license due to illness, hardship, or awaiting results was received by the Department on July 1, 2026. This applicant was previously licensed as a funeral director intern, and the license expired on August 18, 2026. Therefore, the application to renew was timely received. Pursue it to Rule 69K-18.002(10), Florida Administrative Code, only one (1) internship may be issued to the individual [inaudible]. Based upon the hardship demonstrated by Ms. Lamour on her application, the Division recommends that the Board approve this application without conditions. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Please show me hands if you have any questions for Ms. Lamour that we would need to swear her in. Ma'am, if you would like to address the Board, we would need to swear you in, please. Ms. Marshall, will you do that again, please?

Ms. Marshall – Yes. All right. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Lamour – Yes.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you.

Chair Peeples – If you will, if you will state your name and spell your last name for the record, please.

Ms. Lamour – Yes. It's Adriana Lamour, L-A-M-O-U-R.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. I have one question for you. I know you mentioned that you were on maternity leave. Have you returned back to work yet?

Ms. Lamour – Not yet. My first day will be October 1st.

Chair Peeples – Okay. That's one of the questions I had of when you have planned to return to work. And you're going to stay with the same entity that you have been serving under for your prior internship?

Ms. Lamour – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Perfect. Perfect. Board members, any other questions for Ms. Lamour? Hearing none, what is the Board's pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am, and good luck.

Ms. Lamour – Thank you so much for your time. Appreciate it.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Marshall, if we can, I noticed Ms. Pettine stated that she has information, so if we can kind of go back to that agenda item, please, ma'am.

(b) A. Roese Cremation & Memorial Society Inc (F941203) (Sarasota)

Chair Peeples – Ms. Pettine?

Ms. Pettine – Hello. Thank you, Board. I have managed to connect with Amanda and kind of trace back the comedy of errors that's led this application to need to be submitted. So, her initial application was submitted too close to the renewal deadline in June of this year, which meant that she missed a number of the necessary notices, was not included on the mailing list, and was not included on the June Board meeting of the non-renewing members. As a result, she was told, based on communications with both Lashonda and Ms. Schwantes, to resubmit the previous packet with updated dates. That being said, she'd be more than happy to go ahead and provide an income statement and a balance sheet. She still does meet the net worth requirements. And so, I would ask that this Board move for approval upon the condition of receipt of an updated income statement and balance sheet.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Pettine. So, Ms. Liotta, will you amend your motion to include that item?

Ms. Liotta – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. And Ms. Clay, will you accept as a second the amended motion?

Ms. Clay – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. So, we have an amended motion and a second. Is there any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed, say No. Motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Pettine.

Ms. Pettine – Thank you very much, Board.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair.

(c) Gilley's Family Cremation LLC (F245192) (Winter Haven)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of this entity on the call?

Mr. Brian Gilley – Yes. This is Brian Gilley.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Mr. Gilley. The Department received an application for a preneed license on August 5, 2026, with no deficiencies noted on the application. The sole member and owner of the LLC is Brian D. Gilley. A completed background check of the principal was returned to the Division without criminal history. Applicant is submitting a new application for preneed licensure, and the qualifying funeral establishment license was issued as of March 2, 2018, (# F245192) is also located at the same address. If approved, Applicant will sell insurance-funded preneed through National Guardian Life Insurance Company (NGL) and will utilize their approved prearranged funeral agreement forms. Applicant's principal, Mr. Gilley, disclosed that he filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in 2007. The bankruptcy was discharged as of June 27, 2012, by the Middle District Court of Florida (please see attached documentation). This was a personal bankruptcy action that occurred more than nineteen (19) years ago and has been discharged with all debts having been fully satisfied. The Division recommends approval without conditions.

Chair Peeples – Board members, show of hands. Anyone have a question for Mr. Gilley? I don't see any hands. Mr. Gilley, if you'd like to address the Board, we will need to swear you in, or should we swear you in if there's any questions, sir?

Mr. Gilley – Swear me if there's any questions, please.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you for participating today, sir.

(2) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

(a) Omega Funeral Services LLC (F049914) (Casselberry)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of Omega Funeral Services on the call?

Mr. Alan Trueba – Yes. My name is Alan Trueba.

Ms. Marshall –Thank you, Mr. Trueba. The Department received an application for a new preneed license on July 9, 2026, and the application was complete as of August 12, 2026. The owners and members of the LLC are Alan and Cynthia Trueba. The background check of the principals is currently pending receipt by the Division. Applicant obtained its qualifying funeral establishment license as of February 7, 2008, under license # F049914 at the same location. If approved, Applicant will sell trust-funded preneed through Independent Funeral Directors of Florida (IFDF) and utilize their approved prearranged funeral agreement forms. At the time these materials were sent out, the Division was still awaiting the results of background checks of the principals. The background checks have since been returned and no relevant criminal history was revealed. As such, the Division recommends approval of this application without conditions. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, any questions for Mr. Trueba? Show of hands. Please let the record reflect there's no show of hands. Mr. Trueba, would you like to be sworn in if there are questions, sir, or would you like to present anything to the Board members?

Mr. Trueba – Madam Chair, if there are any questions, I would be sworn in.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Thank you, sir. Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you for being present today, sir.

Mr. Trueba – Thank you all very much. Have a great day.

M. Application(s) for Preneed Branch

(1) Recommended for Approval without Conditions – Addendum F

(a) A Good Shepherd's Funeral Home and Cremation Services LLC (Pending) (Oakland Park)

(b) All County Mortuary Services Inc (F019457) (Port St Lucie)

(c) All County Mortuary Services Inc (F019457) (Stuart)

Ms. Marshall – Pursuant to s. 497.453, Florida Statutes, the entities referenced on Addendum H have applied for preneed branch licensure. The applications were complete without reportable criminal or disciplinary history and accompanied by the required fee. It is recommended that the entities referenced on Addendum F be approved for the branch licensure applied for. Madam Chair?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the applications. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

N. Application(s) for Removal Service

(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

(a) Bay to Bay Mortuary Transport, LLC (Tampa)

Ms. Marshall – Is a representative of Bay to Bay on the call today? Hearing none, all right. A new application for a change in location for removal service licensure was received on July 16, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on August 3, 2026. A background check of the principal, Ms. Laura Spaulding, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the removal service pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the removal service pass an inspection by a member of the Division staff. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(b) Open Arms Mortuary Transfer, Inc. (Nokomis)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of this entity on the call? Hearing none. A new application for removal service licensure was received on August 3, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on August 5, 2026. A background check of the principal, Mr. Dalton J. Hartig, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the removal service pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Board Members.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the removal service pass an inspection by a member of the Division staff. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

O. Collective Coversheet

(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

(a) Clearview Cremation, LLC

- ***Funeral Establishment***

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of this establishment on the call today? Hearing none. The applicant submitted the following: new applications for funeral establishment licensure. If approved, all applicant(s) will be operating out of different locations, as reflected below:

- Clearview Cremation LLC *(Clearwater),* 555 South Hercules Ave., Ste.402, Clearwater, Fl. 33756
- Clearview Cremation LLC *(Boca Raton),* 2499 Glades Road, Ste. 206, Boca Raton, Fl. 33431
- Clearview Cremation LLC *(Jacksonville),* 8780 Perimeter Park Court, Ste. 201, Jacksonville, Fl. 32216

The three (3) new applications for funeral establishment licensure were received by the Division on three (3) different dates: July 20, 2026 (Clearwater), August 3, 2026 (Boca Raton), and August 5, 2026 (Jacksonville). The applications were each considered complete by the Division on August 10, 2026. The FDIC for each funeral establishment will be as follows: *Clearwater* - Mr. Stacie J. Vandercook (F416922), *Boca Raton* -Ms. Zoe E. Constable (F448323), and *Jacksonville-Mr.* Nicholas J. Kotek (726246). A background check of the principal(s), Mr. Lorenzo M. Frati and Mr. Jenson Carlgren, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the three (3) establishments pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Marshall. I'd like to make a couple of comments on these applications, the three (3) entities that they are asking for approval for. And I think this question may need to go to Ms. Schwantes. Ms. Schwantes, what is the timeframe regarding fingerprints? Because I noticed they stated in their application on each one of them that fingerprints were submitted on September 30, 2024. So, what would be the timeframe for the Division staff to accept fingerprints? Because we're kind of two (2) years, almost two (2) years. Could you give me clarification of that, please?

Ms. Schwantes – Yes, ma'am, it is twenty-four (24) months.

Chair Peeples – Twenty-four (24) months. Okay. So that just got in under the wire. The other item, I'd like to make a motion to approve the application but have conditions on several of their agreements. For instance, if you go to Page 12 of 57, we need an updated refrigeration agreement. It's dated April 1, 2025. On Page 13 of 57, we need an updated transportation agreement. It is dated April 1, 2025.

MOTION: Chair Peeples moved to approve the applications subject to the condition that the applicant submits an updated refrigeration agreement, an updated transportation agreement and the three (3) establishments pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair.

(b) Harry T. Reid Funeral Home LLC (Jasper)

- ***Funeral Establishment***
- ***Transfer of Preneed Main***

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today?

Ms. Pettine – Yes.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you. Harry T. Reid Funeral Home LLC, a limited liability company, has submitted the following: an application for a funeral establishment license, and an application for transfer of a preneed main license. Included are the applications regarding the above listed location. The change of ownership is the result of a transfer of 100% of the membership interests to William T. Land and Kathryn R. Land. All assets and liabilities will be assumed by the new owners. The applications are being filed for a new license, and the members and owners of LLC will be Kathryn R. Land and William T.

Land. A background check of the principals was returned without criminal history. Applicant confirms if there are currently any unfulfilled preneed contracts, the obligation to fulfill those preneed contracts will be assumed by the new owners. If approved, Applicant will sell trust-funded preneed through Funeral Services Incorporated (FSI) and utilize their approved pre-arranged funeral agreement forms. The Division recommends approval subject to the following conditions:

1) That the closing on the transaction to acquire ownership shall occur within 60 days of the date of this Board meeting.
2) That the closing on the transaction shall be substantially on terms and conditions as represented to the Board at this Board meeting.
3) That Applicant shall assure receipt by the Division, within seventy-five (75) days of the Board meeting, of a letter signed by applicant or applicant's attorney, addressed to the Division, certifying that closing has occurred and stating the date of closing, and stating that closing occurred on terms and conditions not inconsistent with those as represented to the Board at this Board meeting,

and providing a copy of the full Bill of Sale, Stock Purchase Agreement, or other document by which the acquisition transaction is consummated, executed by all parties, and any and all amendments, schedules, and other attachments thereto, also fully executed.

4) That the Director of the Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services may extend any deadline set out in these conditions by up to ninety (90) days, for good cause shown. The Director shall report any such extensions to the Board as an informational item.
5) That all representations by the applicant in the application and related materials provided to the Board or FCCS Division by the applicant, in support of the application(s), are deemed material to the Board's action herein.
6) That the establishment(s) under the application(s) herein pass an onsite inspection by a member of Division Staff.
7) That the Applicant (new owner or controlling party) shall assume all existing preneed liabilities, (if any), of the location(s) being acquired.

Chair Peeples – I have a question, to Ms. Liotta. I noticed for this entity on their financial statement, Page 31 of 55, they have listed as an asset their preneed agreements and then on their liability section, they've listed their preneed agreements as an obligation for preneed contracts. So, it was my understanding that these agreements cannot and this total cannot be included as an asset or a liability because they have not been fulfilled yet. So, Ms. Liotta, can you give me some information on that, please, ma'am?

Ms. Liotta – So, I do have a little limited knowledge of this particular item, but I viewed this as they were funded, meaning they have the liability to do it, and this is the asset because it's been funded. That's the way I took this.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Ms. Pettine, if I can kind of address this to you for your client, and I know you're coming in Monday morning quarterback, so thank you. Can you get us an answer to that from the folks that are purchasing it for their financial statement? Because my understanding is you don't include prearranged agreements that have not been fulfilled, canceled, or have not been completed until they become a fulfilled item and its income at that point. So, can you kind of get us clarification or do you happen to know?

Ms. Pettine – I don't have that answer off the top of my head, but I'm more than happy to go ahead and connect with my client quickly if you'll buy me an extra five (5) minutes.

Chair Peeples – I'll give you seven (7) minutes. How about that?

Ms. Pettine – Amazing. Thank you. Any other questions?

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, do you have any questions, sir?

Mr. Jensen – A question for you, Madam Chair. I do agree with you, but I'm not finding where you're seeing that. Can you tell me the page again, please?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir. I got to go because I'm working off of one item, so give me one second to let me go in the agenda item, please, sir.

Mr. Ferreira – Page 31, Mr. Jensen.

Chair Peeples – Yes, Page 31 of 55. Thank you, Mr. Ferreira.

Ms. Pettine – All right. I'll go ahead and drop and discuss that with my client now if there's no other questions for now.

Chair Peeples – Board members, any other questions for Ms. Pettine as she's reaching out and connecting with her client? Thank you. If you would, Ms. Pettine, that'd be great.

Ms. Pettine – Thank you very much for your patience with me.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Ferreira. I'm sorry.

Mr. Ferreira – So, the prepaid contracts, that's the $637,301 you're talking about, right?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Ferreira – Okay.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall, would you like to go on? I guess what we need to do is under agenda item P, this is for the same entity. So, do we just need to go over that item until we get this previous, or would you like to address that one now?

P. Applications(s) for Registration as a Training Facility

(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

(a) Petition for Waiver

1. Harry T. Reid Funeral Home LLC (Jasper)

Ms. Marshall – Let's skip that one for now until Ms. Pettine gets back.

(2) Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum G

(a) Paradise Central Funeral Home, LLC (F614273) (Apopka)

(b) Sunflower Cremation, LLC (F489064) (Hollywood)

Ms. Marshall – This is an informational item. The Division has reviewed the applications on Addendum G and have found them to be complete and that the applicants have met the requirements to be a training agency. Pursuant to Rule 69K-1.005, Florida Administrative Code, the Division has previously approved these applications.

Q. Contract(s) or Other Related Form(s)

(1) Recommended for Approval without Conditions

(a) Performance Bond

1. S.E. Cemeteries of Florida LLC d/b/a Chapel Hill Cemetery (F019224) (Orlando)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of this entity on the call? I see Ms. Coney is here.

Ms. Lisa Coney – Yes, ma'am. Good morning, Board.

Ms. Marshall – Good morning. S.E. Cemeteries of Florida LLC d/b/a Chapel Hill Cemetery intends to build a garden mausoleum consisting of 306 casket spaces and 224 niches. Pursuant to s. 497 .272, Fla. Statutes, typically, a preconstruction trust must be put in place if sales are going to occur prior to completion. However, s. 497.272(8) provides that in lieu of the preconstruction trust fund, the cemetery company may provide a performance bond in an amount and by a surety company acceptable to the regulator. The licensee has submitted for approval a performance bond, in lieu of a preconstruction trust. The mausoleum project, and the bond, is summarized as follows:

S.E. Cemeteries of Florida, LLC, DBA Chapel Hill Cemetery (F077493)
Address: 2400 Harrell Rd, Orlando, FL 32817
Project: Garden mausoleum consisting of306 casket spaces and 224 niches.
Bond Amount: $858,600

Bond Number. 022242123
Surety Company: Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

Cemetery agrees to complete said construction in accordance with the terms of the included construction agreement with Cold Spring Granite Company. The Division recommends approval of this preconstruction performance bond submitted.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Marshall. Ms. Coney, are you for questions only and we won't have to swear you in right now?

Ms. Coney – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members?

MOTION: Ms. Clay moved to approve the performance bond. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am.

Ms. Coney – Thank you, Board. And before we move on from this, may I make a comment about this particular application?

Chair Peeples – Well, we'd have to swear you in, ma'am. Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth to help you, God?

Ms. Coney – I do.

Chair Peeples – If you will, state your name and spell your last name for the record, please.

Ms. Coney – My name is Lisa Coney. Coney like Coney Island, C-O-N-E-Y.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am.

Ms. Coney – Thank you. I've worked with Chapel Hill since even before it was SCI, and that's the SE name that continues. I wanted to pay attention to the fact that this application was filed approximately ten (10) months ago. We anticipated passage of this to begin offering this product the first of the year. There was no contact. We, in the early part of the year, were trying to reach the Division to find out what was happening with this application. We found out we got construction permits, which, you know, often are always completed well in advance. The construction permit was a little more than two (2) months ago and had to start following up again, you know, where's this on the State Board agenda. No one had been notified that Ms. Harris had left the Division. And I'm very thankful to Lashonda Morris for finding this and dusting it off and verifying that it was in place and getting it in front of the Board immediately. But I come to you to ask again that this very perfunctory task be something that's delegated to staff so that there's not the kind of delays that we've experienced with, you know, this getting lost in the process and then having to come wait another month and a half, almost two (2) months after it being found, before it comes in front of the Board. This is a matter much like the other applications that they review. They check the boxes. We verify that the construction stand, that the bond covers the anticipated construction standards and approval has never not been made by this Board. I don't think there's ever even been a nay vote on a bond application like this. But we need to be able to communicate with the Division and have a timely process. And I think that that's more likely to happen if they can review it on receipt, pass it on to the Board as informational. And we could have been offering this to the public many months ago under those circumstances. And we were not afforded that because of the inability to communicate and have this come before you.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am. Ms. Coney, we appreciate your comments and your concern, but this would be something we would probably need to bring up during the Rules Committee meeting because we're just following process right now that it has to come before the Board for a vote. So, it's not something that I don't think the process can be changed.

Ms. Coney – Typically, in the past, though, the Board has, in fact, voted to delegate certain matters as informational. And the Board voted at this body at this type of juncture for that to happen. And we see people interacting with the public. Tons of licensees that are interacting with the public would pose a greater risk than a very simple financial application staff always reviews and approves. And it's really just a perfunctory matter that comes before you. I just don't want to see -- we've had this kind of trouble before. This appeal on two (2) previous occasions. And there is such a staffing issue that sometimes contact can be difficult. So again, very much appreciate Lashonda stepping in to help when this was lost. But I'd like to see that be a possibility in the future.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. We take your concern and we'll take it under advisement. So, thank you for participating today. We are going to go back to agenda item O(1)(b).

O. Collective Coversheet
(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions
(b) Harry T. Reid Funeral Home LLC (Jasper)
- ***Funeral Establishment***
- ***Transfer of Preneed Main***

Chair Peeples – Ms. Pettine has returned back.

Ms. Pettine – I have. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am.

Ms. Pettine – I was able to get clarification from my client as to the reflection of that item on the balance sheet on Pages 31. I got in touch with Mr. Travis Land, who's one of the proposed owners, and he let me know that that is reflective of the fully funded pre-need contract trust funds that are through FSI's process. So that is why it's reflected on there. And then the inclusion of the other asset or the inclusion of the trust fund is consistent with form DFS PNL R2A in including the preneed trust funds.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. I appreciate you getting clarification on that item for us. Board members, do you have any questions for Ms. Pettine? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Not so much Ms. Pettine, but I do have a question for Ms. Liotta, if I may.

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Jensen – Ms. Liotta, so they're saying that they have these, you know, 100% funded, but that's still not a guarantee. Funeral services, even preneed, in the State of Florida is 100% cancelable at any time and they get all their principal back. So, are they allowed to claim that as an asset?

Ms. Liotta – It's an asset because they have put money into a trust. That's an asset. I mean, it's their money -- and it might be earmarked to pay the debt that will come up. It's definitely an asset that belongs on their balance sheet.

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Jensen – I'm just curious on the preneed. I've had this question with {inaudible} before. So just to understand, it is a pledged asset, but unless it's irrevocable, it's revocable. Right?

Ms. Liotta – The debt would come off, and the cash would come out.

Mr. Jensen – Okay. I think I understand that. I've had some bad accounting advice. Okay. Very, very good. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Pettine?

Ms. Pettine – Thank you, Board Chair. I also just want to make the point that consistent with the balance sheet form that the Division promulgates, which is that form DFS PNL R2A, they also include preneed trust under other assets. And so, this balance sheet is reflecting similar format to the Division's own template form that's been promulgated under Rule 69K-1.001.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Pettine. And as someone that prepares and works with our CPA on our form, everybody, every entity does their finance statements differently, depending on who they have preparing them for them. So, to just let the record reflect that. So, we have the information before us Board members. What's your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the applications subject to the condition that the establishments pass an inspection by a member of the Division staff. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Munson?

Ms. Munson – Yes, just I'm going to always add that whenever you see as of the date of a meeting, it's really as of the date of the final notice entry. Just so we can always be consistent with that. We have to change the motion, except that I'm noting that those conditions will reflect as of the date of the final entry of the notice. I keep working on rewording the language so that I'll stop making that mistake.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. So, Ms. Munson, would you like me to ask Ms. Liotta to do a statement, or are we good?

Ms. Munson – I think we're good, because it's almost standing.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Okay. Thank you, ma'am. So, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed, say no. Motion carries. Ms. Marshall, we'll go to the next Harry Reid Funeral Home item, please.

P. Applications(s) for Registration as a Training Facility
(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions
(a) Petition for Waiver
1. Harry T. Reid Funeral Home LLC (Jasper)

Ms. Marshall – Ms. Pettine, you are representing them in this matter as well?

Ms. Pettine – I am.

Ms. Marshall – All right. Okay. An application for a change of ownership, the funeral establishment was received from the applicant on July 13, 2026, and considered complete on August 7, 2026. The applicant is also seeking a waiver of Rule 69K-18.004, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the number of embalmings and funeral services performed by the establishment per year, in order to qualify for licensure as a training agency, citing the number of embalmings and funeral services performed by the predecessor entity. The applicant notes the impact on interns currently in its employ as a hardship caused by strict application of this rule. Notice of the petition for waiver has been duly published in the Florida Administrative Register. The Division recommends that the Board grant the waiver as requested by the applicant, and that the application for registration at the training agency also be granted so that the training agency status may be continued ownership.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Marshall. Board members?

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair, question?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – I'm sure this rule has already been changed or in the process of being changed to a lesser number. Can the Department confirm or deny that?

Chair Peeples – Ms. Schwantes?

Ms. Schwantes – Would you please give me the rule number again?

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – I can give it. Let me go back to the beginning.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Yes. The rule is 69K-18.004.

Ms. Schwantes – Okay. 18.004. There may be some changes that are processed and made by the Department, but the Department is also reviewing these, and these will be reviewed again by the Board after it goes through the Rules Committee. All of 69K-18 will be reviewed again. I don't believe there have been any changes that have been approved to this. Until the changes are approved final, we go with –

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, is there a question or follow-up?

Mr. Jensen – Yes and no. I know it's coming up for you, but I'm pretty sure that we already either changed it or we proposed a change, knocked it down to twenty (20) from forty (40), the embalming.

Ms. Schwantes – It went from forty (40) to twenty (20) a while ago for embalmings.

Mr. Ferreira – Yes.

Ms. Schwantes – That was a while ago.

Mr. Jensen – Yes. Maybe it's me, but I'm pretty sure it's been changed. You know, this is applying and Page 3, they're quoting forty (40) embalming cases a year.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen and Ms. Schwantes while you're reviewing that, Ms. Pettine?

Ms. Pettine – I don't believe that the change of the rule, whether or not the number had been knocked down, would actually impact this particular application, which is coming as a result of the previous collective applications for the change of ownership. I believe that this is coming because as part of the change of ownership, the swap over of the licensing to the owner, essentially, we start the clock over on where we count those case counts. And so, this particular request for waiver is basically asking to come to the previous number, which is well above whatever the number is under either the changed 18.004 or the previous 18.004 as essentially a continuation in order to ensure that it's training registration, licensure isn't impacted. So, I think it's a great point to make. I think it's something important for us to know, but for the purposes of this application, I'm not sure that it matters whether or not that rule has been updated.

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – I totally disagree with that. I mean, there's got to be a number. If they do two (2) embalmings, you know, we can't just give blanket, okay, it can come over no matter if you do two (2) embalmings or ten (10) embalmings a year. There's a number and that has to be met. I mean, you're not going to learn anything doing two (2) embalmings a year in my opinion.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Jensen. Ms. Pettine?

Ms. Pettine – To be clear, in the previous twelve (12) months and on Page 3, it states that they've embalmed sixty-one (61) bodies and they conducted 144 funerals in the previous twelve (12) months. The point is that as the licensure is essentially ending and getting renewed to new owners. And so, the application for waiver here is relevant only because of the change of ownership. If the previous owner had not needed to change the ownership of these entities -- the only reason that this application is coming forward is because of the collective applications for the change of ownership for the funeral establishment. And it's asking you to basically apply those previous 61 embalmings and those at 144 to the new owner in order to permit the registration to go forward. If this application is not approved, there's going to be lead time or a gap during which they build those numbers up. And that's going to end up affecting any interns currently in place. I'm happy to check with them to see if they currently have any interns. But my understanding is that they do.

Chair Peeples – If I may, Mr. Jensen, in layman's terms to our great legal representation that we had here, they're on the old license and they want it brought under the new ownership with a petition of waiver. So, they've really already amassed what they need for what the previous, if the number has changed or it hasn't, they're good. But like Ms. Pettine stated, if we don't approve this today, if it doesn't get approval by the Board, there's going to be a gap. So, anybody that's there will have to stop during that gap. Correct, Ms. Pettine?

Ms. Pettine – That's a great summary point, Chair. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. So, Board members, what's your pleasure?

Mr. Jones – Motion to approve, Jones.

Mr. Quinn – Second, Quinn.

Chair Peeples – We have a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Quinn. Is there any discussion on the motion? Ms. Munson?

Ms. Munson – This is just to clarify. With this particular motion and vote, we're only approving the terms of the petition, correct?

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall, would you like to address that question?

Ms. Marshall – So, what they've submitted is this petition for waiver and then also their own application for registration at the training agency. So, it's, you know, however the Board wants to take those collective items.

Ms. Munson – And the reason I said that, because normally they've been voted on separately for clarification. So, when I see a yes vote, I want to tell you what they were voting on. And the order will be so reflective.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Munson, would you like us, since we have a motion and a second, I can ask Mr. Jones and Mr. Quinn if they will grant the petition of waiver. And then if we take a second vote to approve them as a training agency, would that be okay?

Ms. Munson – I think that would be best. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the petition for waiver. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – So we have now a request to approve Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, LLC, as a training agency. Board, pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the application Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Marshall?

(2) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

(a) Preneed Sales Agreement

1. Clearpoint Federal Bank & Trust LLC (Batesville IN)

Ms. Marshall – This item has been withdrawn and will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Jensen – I do not have in my notes where we voted on Q(1)(a)1.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall just mentioned it's withdrawn.

Mr. Jensen – Q(1)(a)1? What Ms. Coney was talking about is withdrawn?

Ms. Munson – We did vote on it, sir. We did vote on, if I may, SE Cemeteries. Is that the one you're referencing?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Munson – Ms. Coney represented?

Mr. Jensen – Yes.

Ms. Munson – All right, Madam Chair.

Mr. Jensen – Did you say we did vote or did not?

Chair Peeples – We did, and then we went back to Ms. Pettine because we had tabled the Harry T. Reid two (2) agenda items.

Mr. Jensen – Yes, I was just a little confused. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Marshall, Q(2)(a)1 is withdrawn, correct?

Ms. Marshall – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – If you'll proceed to Q(2)(a)2, we'll do Q(2)(a)3, and then we'll take a quick restroom break after that, please.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair.

2. Queen of Angels Catholic Cemetery Inc (F423519) (Winter Pk)

Ms. Marshall – So, Ms. Pettine, you are representing the cemetery?

Ms. Pettine – I am. And just here for any questions.

Ms. Marshall – Okay, thank you. Queen of Angels Catholic Cemetery Inc. (QOA) submits the attached revised preneed cemetery sales agreement for approval: Cemetery Interment Rights, Merchandise and Services Purchase Agreement. If approved, this agreement will be used for the sale of preneed by QOA. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that two (2) full-size, print-ready copies of the revised agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) of this Board meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the preneed sales agreement subject to the condition that two (2) full-size, print-ready copies of the revised agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) of this Board meeting. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Pettine – Thank you, ma'am.

3. Titan Funeral Company LLC (F906291) (Tallahassee)

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of Titan Funeral Company on the call?

Ms. Pettine – I'm here for any questions.

Ms. Marshall – Great. Titan Funeral Company LLC submits a preneed sales agreement form and addendum for approval: Pre-arranged Funeral Contract (Form ADM6092FL) and Universal Titan Provider Addendum. If approved, these forms will be used for the sale of preneed by the licensed preneed main and its preneed branches. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that two (2) full-size, print-ready copies of the revised agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) of this Board meeting. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the preneed sales agreement subject to the condition that two (2) full-size, print-ready copies of the revised agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) of this Board meeting. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Let's take a restroom break. It's 1:07. Let's come back at 1:15, please. Thank you.

**********BREAK**********

Chair Peeples – We're going to call the meeting back to order. It is 1:16. Ms. Marshall, if we can continue with agenda, please.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair.

R. Related Items

(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

(a) Camel Funeral Services, Inc. (Clewiston)

1. Monument Establishment Retailer

Ms. Marshall – Is there any representative of Campbell Funeral Services Incorporated on the call today? Hearing nothing. A new application for a monument establishment licensure was received on May 22, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. A background check of one principal, Mr. Leslie D. Camel, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. As of August 7, 2026, the Division has given other considerations for this application to be complete on a future date per the Division's recommendations that:

I. That the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Division's staff
2. That the Division receive the remaining principal's (Ms. Shamekia V Camel) fingerprints with no relevant criminal history.

Chair Peeples – Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application subject to the conditions that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Division's staff and the Division receives the remaining principal's (Ms. Shamekia V Camel) fingerprints with no relevant criminal history. Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Is there a question on the motion? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, so I'm looking here, and you know the name, but I think I might have just found it. They already have a funeral establishment license, so they are okay doing a monument establishment, correct?

Chair Peeples – This is just an application by Campbell Funeral Services, Inc. for a monument establishment retailer.

Mr. Jensen – Yes, I just wanted to make sure they were already a funeral establishment. Otherwise, if they were just a monument establishment, I would have a little problem with them calling themselves Campbell Funeral Services. But I see they do now. I didn't get to that page until right now. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Yes, thank you, sir. So, we have a motion and a second. Do we have any other discussion on the motion? Hearing none. All in favor of the motion, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed say No. Motion carries.

2. Monument Sales Agreement

Ms. Marshall – Again, is a representative of Campbell Funeral Services on the call today? Hearing none. Campbell Funeral Services, Inc. submits a monument establishment sales agreement for the Board's review and approval. The Division recommends approval with the condition that two (2) full-size print-ready copies are received by the Department within sixty (60) days of this Board meeting. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the preneed sales agreement subject to the condition that two (2) full-size, print-ready copies of the revised preneed sales agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) days of this Board meeting. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair.

(b) T. Seales Services, LLC (Clewiston)

1. Monument Establishment Retailer

Ms. Marshall – Is there a representative of this entity on the call? Hearing none. A new application for a change in location for a monument establishment retail licensure was received on July 24, 2026. The application was considered complete on the same date of receipt. A background check of the principal, Mr. Thaddeus Seales, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval as subject to the conditions that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Division's staff.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the application subject to the conditions that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Division's staff. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Monument Sales Agreement

Ms. Marshall – The applicant submits a monumental established agreement. The Division recommends approval with the condition that two (2) full-size print-ready copies are received by the Department within sixty (60) days of this Board meeting. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to approve the preneed sales agreement subject to the condition that two (2) full-size, print-ready copies of the revised preneed sales agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) days of this Board meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

S. Executive Director's Report

(1) Operational Report (Verbal)

Chair Peeples – Ms. Schwantes, over to you.

Ms. Schwantes – Yes. Board members, thank you for your patience, as always, with everything that goes on during these meetings. I want to give you all a heads up on some major changes that are coming to the Department, which may directly impact some of our applicants and licensees. Beginning in November, we'll finalize testing and ultimately implement the new statewide accounting system, which is titled PALM. Because financial data is used by numerous processes and systems, this implementation will have far-reaching impact beyond just basic accounting systems.

The impact I want to discuss today involves our license renewals. When a licensee renews their license, the payment is first logged and deposited by our Department's accounting offices. Then information on the deposit is provided to our Division staff who input the proof of payment into our licensing system before processing the licensing renewal. If payment is not received timely and not shown in our licensing system as timely received, then the licensee may be subject to late fees. For a few weeks towards the end of December and into January, there will be downtime on certain systems as PALM is implemented. Cemeteries are going to be particularly impacted by this. They annually renew their licenses as of December 31st and are expected to be, again, specifically impacted by the downtime. For that reason and to avoid potential late fees, cemeteries are advised to pay their renewal fees early this year, preferably no later than December 1st. And we're going to be providing more information on these issues as we get closer to the time and also specifically information to the cemeteries. But I wanted to go ahead and get that word out.

With regard to some of the reports that you all are used to seeing with the agendas, some of you have noted that this month there's no report on fines and other information you're used to getting. Some of this is due to staffing changes, allowing enough time for new staff to become acclimated to their new responsibilities, et cetera. But some of it, particularly with regard to the fines, is also related to the PALM implementation. And because of the PALM implementation, we do not know if we will be able to provide a report on fines again until next spring when the systems are fully implemented and integrated. If any of you have any specific questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact me.

The Rules Committee will meet on Friday, September 25th at 10 a.m. by video conference. The purpose of the meeting will be to continue discussion on a few of the rules discussed at the August meeting and begin the annual review of rules required by Section 120.5435. And we're going to require comments on the rules relating to Senate Bill 598 be due to my attention by Wednesday, September 16th, in order to make sure that we're able to provide those written comments in the packet of materials that go to the Rules Committee. Notice of that will be sent out shortly. A subsequent Rules Committee meeting will take place on Monday, October 19th at 10 a.m., again by video conference. And I also, again, want to thank the members who are on the Rules Committee for their continued diligence and availability for these meetings. We're picking them up again as we go through the annual rules review. And as we've already seen in this meeting with answers to Mr. Jensen and some others, the rules process right now with the rulemaking being handled by both the Department and the Board and changes that were made last year and changes that are coming up is getting very confusing. Thank you for your questions and just call me in the meantime if you have anything that you're concerned about.

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 8th at 10 a.m. by video conference. And that ends the Executive Director's Report.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am.

T. Chair's Report (Verbal)

Chair Peeples – I'll just keep us for a couple of seconds. I want to welcome Ms. Marshall on this side of now being a part of us. So, thank you. You did a great job today. Also, I want to thank the Division team because there's been a lot of change in the

office, and everyone's having to kind of do double and triple duty. So, I'd like to recognize them. And Ms. Munson, I need to just do a special thank you to you because you have been very diligent in the Rules Committee in handling so many things there, but also with the Board items. So, thank you for all that you do. I appreciate you and appreciate everything that you give us, great leadership and wisdom. So, thank you. I appreciate that. Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Yes, ma'am.

U. Office of Attorney General's Report

(1) Attorney General's Rules Report (Informational)

Ms. Marshall – I will turn it over to Ms. Munson.

Ms. Munson – Thank you, Ms. Marshall. I will be brief. You will see that the Rules Report for September is included in your materials. It's actually informational. I will make a note about it. I just wanted to just point something out on the Rules Report. We have been moving so many rules to the Rules Committee, and we'll continue to do so. There is very much activity, and as you can see, at least eight (8) of these rules were adopted on August 20th and will become effective September 9th. They are identified with their rules number. You can go back and look to see what they were. You would have looked at them previously for its content, but I did want you to really understand the progression of how this rule development actually works, and we have now a specific set that has actually gone to its completion. There will be more to follow.

BOARD OF FUNERAL, CEMETERY, AND CONSUMER SERVICES RULES REPORT
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Rule Number	Rule Title	Date Rule Language Approved by Board	Date Sent to OFARR	Rule Development Published	Notice Published	Adopted	Effective
69K-1.009	Effect of Law Enforcement Records on Applications for Licensure		*	07/22/2026			
69K-2.003	Other Official Board Business	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/05/2026	08/20/2026	09/09/2026
69K-5.0025	Inactive Preneed Licenses	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/05/2026	08/20/2026	09/09/2026
69K-5.009	Regulatory Standards for Evaluating Applications by the Board		*	07/21/2026			
69K-5.012	Application and Renewal Procedures for Broker of Burial Rights License	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026			
69K-6.0016 69K-6.004 69K-6.0054 69K-6.007 69K-6.009	Definition of Developed Area Safekeeping of Records Written Contracts Required Criteria for Burial; Disinterment; Reinterment Identification Tags – Acceptable Materials, Locations, and Methods of Affixing	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/05/2026	08/20/2026	09/09/2026
69K-9.001	Advertising	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/04/2026	08/20/2026	09/09/2026
69K-17.0036	Course Required for Initial Licensure	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/04/2026	08/20/2026	09/09/2026

69K-18.002 69K-18.003	Funeral Director Intern Training Program Concurrent Internships		*	07/21/2026			
69k-20.001	Report of Cases Embalmed or Bodies Handled	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026			
69K-21.009	Disinterment Reporting	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/04/2026	08/20/2026	09/09/2026
69K-22.007	Standard Uniform Procedures for Removal of Cremated Remains and Postcremation Procedures		*	07/21/2026			
69K-25.001 69K-25.002	Licensure by Endorsement; Embalmers Licensure by Endorsement; Funeral Directors		*	07/22/2026			
69K-31.001	Procedure Required	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/05/2026	08/20/2026	09/09/2026
69K-31.001	Procedure Required		*	07/21/2026			
69K-33.001	Requirements Regarding Handling and Storing of Human Remains	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/05/2026	08/20/2026	09/09/2026

(2) Proposed New Rule 69K-1.009

Ms. Munson – This is a new rule, lengthy rule, but a required rule based on a new statute, statute 497.1411. Staff has very kindly provided the information from the statute in the packet, which immediately follows the rule language. We do have to vote on the language. We've discussed the language. We even had a case very recently within the last meeting or two (2) where an application came before the Board and a decision was made based on this new statute regarding the crimes of moral turpitude. You'll see that the language is, for the most part, clear. There are some areas that may need some interpretation, but you will see that it requires a permanent bar from licensure if some of these informational items or crimes have been committed, crime of felony involving moral turpitude being one of them. The question came up before. This is presented as a reminder as to what the statute literally states, and you will see also before you 69K-1.009, which is going to be the memorialization of that statute by rule. And because it will now begin its official stages of rulemaking, I would need for the body to approve the language officially at this meeting, at the close of which I'll ask my regular questions regarding adverse impact and whether or not it impacts or should be designated a minor violation. But it's your opportunity if you have any questions. We have all the important people on this call, led by Ms. Schwantes, if you have any questions, but it has been discussed. You probably have seen it before. The Rules Committee has definitely seen it before. So, this is what it looks like in its complete, full fashion. And if you're ready for me to ask the questions, I will do so at this particular time. It will be, first of all, the question will be, does this body approve to -- it's already been open for rule development, which you see reflected on your Rules Report, so we're not necessarily asking that you open it for rule development. You've already agreed to do so. What we're doing today is approving the language that you see in its entirety today. So, if this body approves the language as presented by this rule 69K-1.009, we will move forward with rulemaking. I would need an affirmative vote that you approve when the language is presented by the body.

MOTION: Chair Peeples moved to approve the language presented. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – While we're in the discussion phase, Ms. Coney, I see you're on the camera. Did you have a question regarding this rule?

Ms. Coney – Yes, I just wanted to ask a question of Ms. Munson. Does this essentially mirror the statutory change?

Ms. Munson – Well, it's not a change. It's a new addition. It's a new statue, and the statute has been provided in the packet as well. So that's also for the review. And, of course, once this language is presented, if anyone has any questions, and it's actually the language is then published, then that allows the entire public to look at it. So, if there are any questions resulting from that, it's not a cart before the horse. This is the next official stage of rulemaking.

Ms. Coney – Okay. That answers my next question. Thank you, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. So, we have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on the motion? Hearing none. All in favor of the motion, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed, say No. Motion carries.

Ms. Munson – Thank you. With that, I'll now ask, would the proposed rule amendments have an adverse impact on small business, or will the proposed rule amendments be likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity, including government, in excess of $200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within one year after the implementation of the rule?

Chair Peeples – Would you just like us to say yes or no?

Ms. Munson – Yes, that is the expectation. If it does not, then we say no, we vote no, and we move on.

Board members [Unison] – No.

Ms. Munson –To be clear, is there any Board member that feels differently, since we did not do motion and second? But an individual vote is just as good. If not, then I will say that it does not have an adverse impact, should a violation of this rule or any part of this rule be designated a minor violation. I move that it does not, second, and then move.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved that it does not have an adverse impact, should a violation of this rule or any part of this rule be designated a minor violation. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Munson – The aforementioned unanimous vote of the body that there is adverse impact and also does not, should not be designated a minor violation. On your next year's report, you will note that the language is being published and will be open for the entire globe to review. We will move forward with rulemaking in its current state, with the language of the current state. That is everything I have to present, and I really do appreciate your diligence today.

PROPOSED NEW RULE 69K-1.009, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Previously Reviewed and Approved by Board at its June 25, 2026, Meeting as part of the Report And Recommendations From Rules Committee Meeting On May 11, 2026

For Board Review Pursuant to Section 497.1411, F.S. (Created by SB1452) September 3, 2026 Report

69K-1.009 Effect of Law Enforcement Records on Applications for Licensure.

(1) For the purposes of this rule chapter, the following definitions will apply:

(a) "Applicant" means an individual applying for licensure or relicensure under Chapter 497, F.S., and an officer, director, majority owner, partner, manager as defined in Chapter 605, F.S., or other person who manages or controls an entity applying for licensure or relicensure under Chapter 497, F.S.

(b) "Application" or "application process" refers to an application for licensure procedurally processed under Chapter 497, F.S.

(c) "Charge" or "charges" refers to the official allegations contained in the official document setting out the crimes that an applicant is alleged to have committed, including an "information," "indictment," or other document that specifies the charges against an applicant.

(d) "Felony" means and includes any crime of any type, whether or not related to the death care industry, which crime is designated as a "felony" by statute in the jurisdiction of prosecution, or designated as a "felony" in the charges. If a crime is a felony in the jurisdiction of prosecution, it will be treated as a felony under this rule notwithstanding that the same activity is not a felony in Florida. The term "felony" includes felonies of all degrees.

(e) "Law enforcement record" includes the following:

1. Any criminal charge filed against the applicant in the courts of any state or federal district or territory, or other country, for which the applicant pled guilty or no contest, regardless of whether there was an adjudication of guilt by the court, or for which the applicant was found guilty, and regardless of whether the matter is under appeal by the applicant; and,

2. Criminal charges that were subsequently pardoned or for which civil rights have been restored. The phrase includes criminal charges which, at the time of the application, are under an order to seal by a court of competent jurisdiction; and

3. All criminal charges against the applicant, whether by information or other charging document, even where no formal determination of disposition has been made.

(f) "Misdemeanor" means and includes any crime of any type which is designated as a "misdemeanor" by statute in the jurisdiction of prosecution, or is so designated in the charges. If a crime is considered a misdemeanor in the jurisdiction of prosecution, it will be treated as a misdemeanor under this rule chapter notwithstanding that the same activity is not a misdemeanor in Florida. The term includes misdemeanors of all degrees.

(2) Law Enforcement Records and Required Documentation. The licensing authority uses law enforcement records to determine whether an applicant is subject to the permanent bar or disqualifying periods set forth in Section 497.1411, F.S., including determining whether an applicant has the requisite character pursuant to Sections 497.263, 497.264, 497.281, 497.368, 497.369, 497.371, 497.373, 497.374, 497.380, 497.385, 497.453, 497.602, 497.604, and 497.606, F.S.

(a) As provided by statute, an applicant for licensure is required to disclose the applicant's law enforcement record. During the application process, which process continues up to the time of the issuance of a license or the denial of the application, the applicant is required to accurately and truthfully answer questions about the applicant's law enforcement record. The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of all information contained in any application submitted by the applicant or submitted by another person on the applicant's behalf, including documents or information submitted during the application process related to the law enforcement record.

(b) As provided by statute, an applicant must provide the Department with fingerprints and permit the Department to obtain the applicant's law enforcement record from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Department will not process an application when fingerprints are required until the Department receives readable and properly executed fingerprints. Applications are incomplete until fingerprints are received.

(c) At the direction of the Department, as a part of the application process, and in addition to the application, the following documentation is required to be submitted by the applicant:

1. A true and complete copy of the police arrest affidavit or arrest report or similar document for all arrests.

2. A true and complete copy of the charging document, such as an information, indictment, or ticket.

3. A true and complete copy of the plea, judgment, and sentence.

4. A true and complete copy of the order of entry into pre-trial intervention, where applicable, and the order of termination of pre-trial intervention showing dismissal of the charges.

5. A true and complete copy of any order of restoration of civil rights.

6. A true and complete copy of any order sealing court records.

7. A true and complete copy of any order expunging court records.

8. A true and complete copy of any pardon.

(d) If during the application process the Department requests that an applicant submit documentation related to the applicant's law enforcement record but that documentation cannot be obtained because the document no longer exists, the applicant must supply a certified or sworn statement, signed by a representative of the agency that would have been the custodian of such documentation. The custodian must indicate that documentation of such matter does not exist or that the record was lost, damaged or destroyed, or otherwise indicate why the documentation cannot be produced.

(e) All requested documentation must be legible.

(f) The requirements set forth in this rule continue throughout the application process and apply to all types of applications including initial applications, applications for additional licenses and applications for reinstatement of a previously suspended license.

(3) Effect of Failure to Truthfully Answer Application Questions Regarding Applicant's Law Enforcement Record.

(a) The existence of an applicant's law enforcement record is considered a material element of the application and the application process and the failure to accurately and truthfully answer application questions or Department requests regarding the law enforcement record is considered a material misrepresentation or material misstatement under Section 497.152(4)(f), F.S.

(b) If an applicant fails to accurately and truthfully answer the licensing authority's questions about the applicant's law enforcement record related to law enforcement background, the application will be denied.

(4) Applicants With Multiple Crimes.

(a) Where an applicant has committed multiple crimes, a base period of disqualification and an additional period of disqualification will be calculated as follows:

1. The base period is the disqualifying period which is, or was, the last to expire.

2. Two years will be added to the base period for each additional felony not involving moral turpitude and not subject to the permanent bar in Section 497.1411, F.S.; and,

3. Two years will be added to the base period for each additional misdemeanor directly related to the death care industry.

(b) The combined total disqualifying period will begin upon the applicant's final release from supervision or completion of the sentence for the crime upon which the base period is established.

(c) Multiple crimes arising out of the same act, or related acts, performed over a relatively short period of time and in a concerted course of conduct, and crimes committed in one transaction, episode, or course of conduct are treated by the licensing authority as one crime for application of this rule. For the crimes to be considered a single crime, the applicant must have pled to or been convicted of such crimes on the same date and the judgment and sentence for those crimes must have been imposed concurrently. In such cases, the crime with the longest associated disqualifying period will be used for the base period calculation.

(5) Mitigating Factors.

(a) If applicable, the mitigating factors listed below will be used to shorten the total disqualifying period only when the 10-year disqualifying period established in Section 497.1411, F.S., is applicable. Where more than one mitigating factor is present, the applicant is entitled to add all applicable years of mitigation together and deduct that number from the total disqualifying period only when the 10-year disqualifying period is applicable; however, the 10-year disqualifying period may not be reduced to less than five years. The following Mitigating factors apply:

1. One year is deducted if the applicant was age 21 or younger when the felony crime which is the basis for the disqualifying period was committed and if there are no felony crimes on the applicant's law enforcement record after reaching the age of 22.

2. One year is deducted if the applicant furnishes proof that the applicant was addicted to drugs, suffering from active alcoholism, or suffering from a psychiatric disorder, at the time of the crime which is the basis for the disqualifying period and the applicant furnishes a letter from a medical doctor, psychologist, or therapist, who is licensed by a duly constituted state licensing body, that states that the licensed person has examined or treated the applicant and that in his or her professional opinion the condition is currently in remission and has been in remission for at least the previous 12 months.

3. One year is deducted if the applicant provides letters of recommendation from three or more persons who are not relatives of the applicant and who have known the applicant for at least the five years immediately preceding the application.

4. One year is deducted for each associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree or other higher education degree earned by an applicant from an accredited institution of higher learning subsequent to the commission of the crime which is the basis for the disqualifying period.

5. One year is deducted if the applicant has performed 180 or more hours of volunteer work for a charitable organization within the three years immediately preceding the application, as evidenced by a letter signed by an official of the charitable organization where the volunteer hours were performed.

6. One year is deducted if the applicant has held one or more professional licenses from any jurisdiction or professional licensing organization for at least one year within the five years immediately preceding application and subsequent to the commission of the crime which is the basis for the disqualifying period, and only if the applicant held the license during that time period without administrative action being taken.

7. One year is deducted if the applicant has been employed at least 40 hours per week for a continuous two-year period within the five years immediately preceding the application as evidenced by a letter from the employer(s), tax forms, or pay stubs.

8. One year is deducted if the applicant has served at least one year in the United States Armed Forces, active or reserves, subsequent to the commission of the crime which is the basis for the disqualifying period and provided the discharge was honorable.

(b) The burden is on the applicant to establish these mitigating factors. Any of the mitigating factors must be established by providing a true and complete copy of the document proving that mitigating factor.

(7) Aggravating Factors.

(a) The following aggravating factors apply:

1. Two years are added to the disqualifying period if the applicant's law enforcement record indicates that a crime that is the basis of the disqualifying period victimized a natural person who was over age 65 at the time the crime was committed;

2. One year is added to the disqualifying period if the applicant was found by the court to have violated probation for the crime or crimes used to establish the disqualifying period;

3. One year is added to the disqualifying period if the applicant was found to have committed a crime involving aggravated violence in which bodily injury resulted;

4. One year is added to the disqualifying period if any regulatory action was taken against the applicant by any regulatory authority that resulted in a penalty being imposed and was not based on failure to change an address or failure to report an administrative action;

5. One year is added to the disqualifying period and in addition to subsection (4), above, if any regulatory action was taken against the applicant by any regulatory authority for an action by the applicant that caused consumers or clients financial harm or loss in an amount over $10,000.00;

6. One year is added to the disqualifying period if the applicant's law enforcement record contains a crime that caused financial harm to any person in an amount over $10,000.00.

(b) The burden is on the applicant to rebut evidence of any and all aggravating factors used by the licensing authority to deny the application.

(8) Collateral Attack on Criminal Proceedings. The licensing authority will not allow or give any weight to an attempt to re-litigate, impeach, or collaterally attack judicial criminal proceedings or their results.

(9) Effect of Pending Appeal in Criminal Proceedings; Reversal on Appeal.

(a) The statutory grounds for denial of licensure exist immediately upon an entry of judgment, regardless of whether an appeal is or is not allowed to be or is being taken.

(b) If on appeal the judgment is reversed, and the judgment was the basis for the licensing authority's denial of an application, then the applicant may reapply for licensure after providing proof of the reversal.

(10) Sealed or Expunged Criminal Records.

(a) Pursuant to Sections 943.0585(6) and 943.059(6), F.S., an applicant is required to disclose or acknowledge, and is not permitted to affirmatively deny, any arrest or criminal proceeding when the record of such has been legally and properly sealed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by operation of law in the jurisdiction in which the arrest or criminal proceeding took place prior to the time of application.

(b) The licensing authority will not withhold or stay the issuance of a denial of a license application pending action on requests for sealing or expunging criminal records.

(c) An expunged crime will not be considered by the licensing authority as a basis for denial or disqualification of an applicant.

(11) Disclosure and Effect of a Pardon or Restoration of Civil Rights.

(a) A crime for which an applicant has been granted a pardon or has had his or her civil rights restored under Chapter 940, F.S., and section 8, Article IV, Florida Constitution, will not be subject to the disqualifying periods in Section 497.1411, F.S., unless such clemency specifically excludes licensure in the death care industry. The applicant's fitness and trustworthiness after a pardon or restoration will be evaluated as provided in Section 497.1411, F.S., according to the following factors:

1. The facts and circumstances of the criminal offense for which the pardon was granted or the applicant's civil rights were restored.

2. The applicant's criminal history, if any, subsequent to the pardon or restoration of rights.

3. Whether the applicant has completed any supervision or sanction associated with any crime.

(b) The licensing authority will not withhold or stay denial of a license application pending action on requests for a pardon or restoration of civil rights.

(12) Effect of Varying Terminology.

(a) For purposes of this rule, if the applicant's crime took place outside of Florida and is not defined or categorized as a felony or misdemeanor crime, the licensing authority will analogize the crime to the most similar crime under Florida laws by using the elements of that crime as defined in the statute of the jurisdiction in which the applicant was prosecuted and matching those elements to the most similar Florida Statute.

(b) With regard to the following six subparagraphs, the licensing authority treats each phrase in a particular subparagraph as having the same effect as the other phrases in that same subparagraph:

1. Adjudicated guilty; convicted.

2. Found guilty; entered a finding of guilt.

3. Pled guilty; entered a plea of guilty; admitted guilt; admitted the charges.

4. Nolo contendere; no contest; did not contest; did not deny; no denial.

5. Adjudication of guilt withheld; adjudication withheld; no adjudication entered; entry of findings withheld; no official record to be entered; judgment withheld; judgment not entered.

6. Nolle prosse; nolle prosequi; charges withdrawn; charges dismissed; charges dropped.

(c) When necessary, the licensing authority will look to the substantive meaning of the terminology used in the context in which it was used under the law of the jurisdiction where it was used.

(13) Supervised Persons. The licensing authority will not license any applicant while the applicant is imprisoned, in custody, under supervision, on probation, serving a sentence, or in a pre-trail intervention, diversion, or other similar program, for any felony or misdemeanor directed related to the death care industry.

(14) Effect of Disqualifying Periods. The disqualifying periods applied pursuant to Section 497.1411, F.S., or established in this rule do not give an applicant a right to licensure after any set period of time. After the disqualifying period, an applicant may re-apply for licensure and the law in effect at the time will apply to that application.

(15) Foreign Law Enforcement Records. In the event that a law enforcement record includes convictions, charges, or arrests outside the United States, the licensing authority will consider the following factors to reduce, eliminate, or apply a disqualifying period or to determine if the permanent bar under Section 497.1411, F.S., is applicable:

(a) Whether the crime in the criminal record would be a crime under the laws of the United States or any state within the United States; and,

(b) The degree of penalty associated with the same or similar crimes in the United States.

Rulemaking Authority 497.1411 FS. Law Implemented 497.1411 FS. History–New _____.

New section 497.1411, F.S. – Provided for reference only

497.1411 Disqualification of applicants and licenses; penalties against licensees; rulemaking.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term "applicant" means an individual applying for licensure or relicensure under this chapter, or an officer, a director, a majority owner, a partner, a manager, or other person who manages or controls an entity applying for licensure or relicensure under this chapter.

(2) An applicant who has been found guilty of or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any of the following offenses, regardless of adjudication, is permanently barred from licensure under this chapter:

(a) A felony of the first degree.

(b) A felony involving conduct prohibited under this chapter, chapter 787, chapter 794, chapter 796, chapter 800, chapter 825, chapter 827, or chapter 847.

(c) A felony involving moral turpitude.

(3) An applicant who has been found guilty of, or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to an offense not subject to the permanent bar under subsection (2), regardless of adjudication, is subject to the following disqualifying periods:

(a) A 10-year disqualifying period for any felony to which the permanent bar in subsection (2) does not apply. Notwithstanding subsection (4), an applicant who has completed at least one-half of the disqualifying period may apply for a probationary license for the remainder of the disqualifying period if, during that time, the applicant has not been found guilty of, or has not entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any offense.

(b) A 5-year disqualifying period for all misdemeanors directly related to this chapter.

(4) The board shall adopt rules to administer this section. Such rules must provide additional disqualifying periods for applicants who have committed multiple criminal offenses and may provide additional factors for disqualification reasonably related to the applicant's criminal history. The rules must also establish mitigating and aggravating factors. However, mitigation may not reduce any disqualifying period to less than 5 years and may not be applied to reduce the 5-year disqualifying period provided in paragraph (3)(b).

(5) For purposes of this section, a disqualifying period begins upon the applicant's final release from supervision or upon completion of the applicant's criminal sentence. The board may not approve issuance of a license to an applicant until the applicant provides proof that all related fines, court costs, fees, and court-ordered restitution have been paid.

(6) After the disqualifying period has expired, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate to the board that he or she has been rehabilitated, does not pose a risk to the public, is fit and trustworthy to engage in business regulated by this chapter, and is otherwise qualified for licensure.

(7) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3), an applicant who has been found guilty of, or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, a crime in subsection (2) or subsection (3), and who has subsequently been granted a pardon or the restoration of civil rights pursuant to chapter 940 and s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution, or a pardon or the restoration of civil rights under the laws of another jurisdiction with respect to a conviction in that jurisdiction, is not barred or disqualified from licensure under this chapter; however, such a pardon or restoration of civil rights does not require the board to award such license.

(8)(a) The board may grant an exemption from disqualification to any person disqualified from licensure under subsection (3) if:

1. The applicant has paid in full any fee, fine, fund, lien, civil judgment, restitution, or cost of prosecution imposed by the court as part of the judgment and sentence for any disqualifying offense; and

2. At least 2 years have elapsed since the applicant completed or has been lawfully released from confinement, supervision, or any nonmonetary condition imposed by the court for a disqualifying offense.

(b) For the board to grant an exemption under this subsection, the applicant must clearly and convincingly demonstrate that he or she would not pose a risk to persons or property if licensed under this chapter, evidence of which must include, but need not be limited to, facts and circumstances surrounding the disqualifying offense, the time that has elapsed since the offense, the nature of the offense and harm caused to the victim, the applicant's history before and after the offense, and any other evidence or circumstances indicating that the applicant will not present a danger if licensed or certified.

(c) The board has discretion whether to grant or deny an exemption under this subsection. The board's decision is subject to chapter 120.

(9) The disqualification periods provided in this section do not apply to the renewal of a license or to a new application for licensure if the applicant has an active license as of July 1, 2026, and the applicable criminal history was considered by the board on the prior approval of any active license held by the applicant. This section does not affect any criminal history disclosure requirements of this chapter.

History.—s. 14, ch. 2026-174.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Marshall?

V. Public Comments (Verbal)

Ms. Marshall – Does anybody have public comment for the good of the order during this meeting?

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Yes, Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Not a comment, but a question for Ms. Schwantes. We were going so fast, I didn't get to ask. She mentioned the next Board meeting is October 8th. I had on my calendar, for some reason, October 1st. Is it, in fact, October 8th? Just wanting to verify. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Schwantes?

Ms. Schwantes – I have it on my calendar as October 8th.

Ms. Munson – As do I.

Mr. Jensen – Thank you.

Ms. LaTonya Bryant – It is October 8th.

Chair Peeples – Thank you for that. Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you. The next few items are informational.

W. Administrative Report as August 25, 2026

A.	New Cemetery Applications	**0**
	Recommended for Approval	**0**
	Pending	**0**
B.	Cemetery Acquisition Applications	**0**
	Recommended for Approval	**0**
	Pending	**0**
C.	Preneed License Applications	**3**
	Active Preneed Licenses	**300**
	Presented to the Board at this Meeting	**4**
	Pending	**1**
D.	Preneed License Branch Applications	**2**
	Active Preneed License Branches	**380**
	Recommended for Approval	**2**
	Pending	**0**
E.	Preneed Sales Agent Applications	**67**
	Active Sales Agents	**3,810**
	Recommended for Approval	**36**
	Temporary Licenses Issued Pending Permanent	**27**

F.	Monument Establishment Applications	**2**
	Active Monument Establishments	**92**
	Pending	**2**
G.	Broker of Burial Rights Applications	**2**
	Active Brokers of Burial Rights	**24**
	Pending	**0**
H.	Exempt Cemetery Reports	**2**
	Active Exempt Cemeteries	**59**
	Pending	**0**
I.	New Establishment Applications	**7**
	Pending	**6**
	Completed	**14**
J.	New Individual Applications	**15**
	Pending	**12**
	Completed	**10**
K.	Request for Training Facility Applications	**2**
	Pending	**0**
	Completed	**2**
L.	Request for Continuing Education Providers and Courses	**25**
	Pending	**0**
	Completed	**25**
M.	Initial Inspections	**7**
	Completed	**7**
N.	Inspections	**154**
	Completed	**154**
O.	Initial Licenses Issued	**11**
	Renewal Licenses	**2**

X. Disciplinary Report

Notices of Non-Compliance Issued Since Last Meeting : **July 23, 2026**	**0**

Y. Upcoming Meeting(s)

(1) October 8th (Videoconference)
(2) November 5th (Videoconference)
(3) December 3rd (Videoconference)
(4) January 7th (Videoconference)
(5) February 4th (Videoconference)
(6) March 4th (In-Person – Tallahassee TBD)
(7) April 1st (Videoconference)
(8) May 6th (Videoconference)
(9) June (In-Person – Date and Location TBD – FMA Annual Convention)
(10) August 5th (Videoconference)
(11) September 2nd (Videoconference)

(12) October 7th (Videoconference)
(13) November 4th (Videoconference)
(14) December 2nd (Videoconference)

Z. Adjournment

Ms. Marshall – I'll turn it over to you, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. It is 1:36, so we are going to be adjourned, and thank y'all for your diligence today and your participation. Y'all have a great rest of the weekend. Thank you.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you