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August 7, 2020 Emergency Meeting Minutes

ZOOM ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8689984378>

Meeting ID: 868 998 4378

Prior Notice

Prior notice of the August 7, 2020 Emergency board meeting was posted on the Secretary of State website August 7, 2020 at 2:25 p.m. Notice of the meeting via Zoom was distributed to licensees via email on August 7, 2020.

Attendance

The following members were present via Zoom video: Mark N. Craddock, Lorenzo Wright, Lance Brooks, Calvin Meadows, and Ed Hines. Members present via phone on the Zoom line: Annie Bushelon and John C Rudder. Staff present; Charles Perine, Executive Director - recording, and E. Denise Grogan, Associate Executive Director.

The following members were absent: Bart Kirtland and Bobby Burt

Zoom Meeting participants = 140

Call to order

The Emergency Meeting of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

New Business

EMERGENCY RULE 395-X-4-.01ER RELEASE OF REMAINS

Mr. Perine explained the Emergency Rule making process and the reason for the rule. Mr. Perine read the rule as follows:

395-X-4-.07ER Release of Remains

Under § 34-13-56 (c)(2)(o), a licensee and establishment may be subject to disciplinary action for: "Refusing to promptly surrender the custody of a dead human body, upon the express order and payment for services rendered of the person lawfully entitled to the custody thereof." Nevertheless, if during the COVID-19 state of emergency a funeral establishment has a policy to not embalm or have a funeral service for a decedent known to be COVID-19 positive, then a funeral director, representing the establishment, must inform the authorizing agent or person claiming the right of disposition, of the funeral establishment's policy concerning COVID-19 decedents before the removal is made. If the funeral director, representing the establishment, fails to inform the authorizing agent or person claiming the right of disposition of the establishment's policy to not embalm or have a funeral

service and the authorizing agent elects to have the decedent transferred to an establishment that will perform those services, then the funeral establishment refusing to perform said services shall not be paid for services rendered.

The rule will be effective August 7, 2020 to December 5, 2020.

After some discussion and questions from the Zoom participants, Mr. Wright moved to approve the emergency rule. Seconded by Mr. Meadows. Roll call vote taken:

Yes votes: Mr. Craddock, Mr. Wright, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Rudder, Mrs. Bushelon-Holt, Mr. Hines

Nay votes: None

Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Kirtland and Mr. Burt

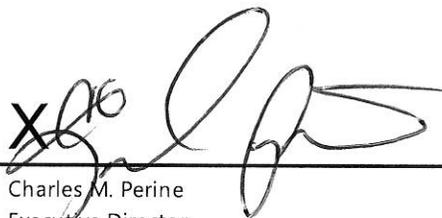
The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Craddock asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Meadows made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Charles M. Perine.



Mark N. Craddock
Chair



Charles M. Perine
Executive Director