

# **BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS/EMBALMERS**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**October 18, 2010**

**Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Board of Funeral Directors / Embalmers was called to order at 2:30 pm on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.**

### **Board Members in attendance:**

**Edward Murphy**

**Joan Retsinas**

**Raymond Butterfield, III**

**Elizabeth Feid**

**Mary Bray**

### **Board Members not in attendance:**

### **Staff members in attendance:**

**Maureen Slowik**

**J. Michel Martineau**

**Members discussed the proposal presented by Mr. Craig Carpenter at the previous meeting. Some Members note the proposal is not in line with current regulations. Board Members have questions and will research changes that other states enacted and review the feedback as it pertains to the impact on the public and the industry. A Member says there have been suggestions that this type of modification to the regulations may invite undesirable and unforeseen consequences.**

**The Board Administrator advised Board Members that he spoke with Dr. Charles Alexandre after the previous meeting and confirmed that the Carpenter proposal would require some changes to the regulations and that would require a process of working with the Board, if the Board votes to approve then the process would require a Hearing for input and review.**

### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**On motion of Edward Murphy, seconded by Elizabeth Feid, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 2:40 pm.**

## **Return to Open Session**

**The Open Session was called back to order at 3:20 pm. On motion of Edward Murphy, seconded by Raymond Butterfield, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Closed Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

**The minutes of the open session held on September 20, 2010 were presented. On motion by Mary Bray, seconded by Raymond Butterfield, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes. The minutes of the closed session held on September 20, 2010 were presented. On motion by Mary Bray, seconded by Raymond Butterfield, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.**

## **Adjournment**

**Having no further business, on motion of Mary Bray, seconded by Betsy Feid, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Monday, November 15, 2010 at 2 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**J. Michel Martineau**

**Health Policy Analyst**