

BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS/EMBALMERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 15, 2010

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Funeral Directors / Embalmers was called to order at 2:00 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

Board Members not in attendance:

Mary Bray

Staff members in attendance:

Maureen Slowik

J. Michel Martineau

The minutes of the open session held on October 18, 2010 were presented. On motion by Betsy Feid, seconded by Joan Retsinas, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes. The minutes of the closed session held on October 18, 2010 were presented. On motion by Betsy Feid, seconded by Joan Retsinas, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Chairman Murphy discusses the proposal previously presented by Mr. Craig Carpenter. Members state they understand the merits, but are concerned with accountability issues associated with body parts commingled in the same cremation. Craig previously made comments that with Board approval this matter may be enacted without input from the public, the Department does not agree with that assessment.

Board Members express a desire to continue to review and investigate the Carpenter proposal, Chairman Murphy will ask Mr. Mark Russell to visit with the Board at the next Meeting to educate and advise them of his experience in addressing cremation needs of Brown Medical School. Board Members ask the Board Administrator to make plans to schedule a Special Meeting.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Edward Murphy, seconded by Betsy 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 2:25 pm.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 3:40 pm. On motion of Betsy Feid, 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.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Raymond Butterfield, III, seconded by Betsy Feid, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Monday, January 10, 2011 at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

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