

IDAHO BOARD OF MORTICIANS
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 6/16/2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Gordon - Chair
Brian T. McBride
James R. Sommer

DIVISION STAFF: Anne Lawler, Bureau Chief
Kent Absec, Licensing Program Manager
John Price, Investigative Unit Manager
Nicholas Krema, General Counsel
José Mendoza, Licensing Specialist
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric English, English Funeral Homes
Tony Alvarez, Idaho Funeral Service Association
Lauren Thomas, National Funeral Directors &
Morticians Association

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM MDT by Steve Gordon.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Board Elections were tabled until the September meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Sommer made a motion that the Board enter executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss potential litigation. It was seconded by Mr. McBride. The vote was: Mr. Sommer, aye; Mr. McBride, aye; and Mr. Gordon, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. McBride made a motion to leave executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Sommer. Motion carried. No decisions were made in executive session.

DISCIPLINE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO JURISPRUDENCE EXAM REQUIREMENT

Mr. Price informed the Board that the number of discipline cases did not increase when the Board authorized mail-in jurisprudence exams due to Covid-19. The Board decided to continue accepting mail-in jurisprudence exams.

COMPLAINT MEMORANDUM

Mr. Price gave the investigative report, which is linked above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Sommer made a motion that the Board enter executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to retain a license or registration. It was seconded by Mr. McBride. The vote was: Mr. Sommer, aye; Mr. McBride, aye; and Mr. Gordon, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer made a motion to leave executive session. It was seconded by Mr. McBride. Motion carried. No decisions were made in executive session.

DISCIPLINE

Mr. Nelson presented a Stipulation and Consent Order in case number MOR-2022-6. Mr. McBride made a motion to approve the Consent Order and allow the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board. It was seconded by Mr. Sommer. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Absec presented a legislative update. He informed the Board that the following bills passed the 2022 Legislative session: House Bill 612, House Bill 629, Senate Bill 1266, Senate Bill 1304, and Senate Bill 1368.

PERMANENT BUILDING UPDATE

Mr. Absec stated that the Division is currently transitioning to its permanent building. In-person meetings will resume in August.

BOARD APPOINTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Absec provided an update on Board member appointments.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Absec gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$27,445.56 as of March 23, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sommer made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/3/2022. It was seconded by Mr. McBride. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gordon adjourned the meeting at 3:37 PM MDT.