

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CORPORATIONS, SECURITIES & COMMERCIAL LICENSING BUREAU**

**MICHIGAN BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN MORTUARY SCIENCE
APRIL 5, 2023**

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended, the Michigan Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science met on April 5, 2023, at the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau. The board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Evely at 10:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Mark Evely	Professional Member
	Brian Joseph	Professional Member
	Richard Bowerman II	Professional Member
	Vern Pixley	Professional Member
	India Ramsey	Professional Member
	Lindsey Jonkhoff Rogers	Professional Member
	Charlotte Goutimy	Public Member
	Priscilla Mitchell	Public Member
Absent:	Kristena Gilbreath	Public Member
Staff:	Benjamin Parker	Licensing Division Director
	Kimberly Breitmeyer	Regulatory Compliance Director
	Stefanie Barr	Recording Secretary
	Mitchell Page	Legislative Analyst
	Bradley Horton	Administrative Law Specialist
	Michele Wagner-Gutkowski	Assistant Attorney General

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Pixley and supported by Ms. Goutimy to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2022

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Pixley and supported by Mr. Joseph to approve the minutes as written from the meeting held October 5, 2022. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Bowerman and supported by Ms. Goutimy to nominate and elect Mr. Mark Evely as the Chairperson of the Michigan Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science. The motion carried by roll call vote.

VICE CHAIRPERSON

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Bowerman and supported by Ms. Goutimy to nominate and elect Mr. Brian Joseph as the Vice Chairperson of the Michigan Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science. The motion carried by roll call vote.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

STIPULATIONS

MARIE A. TAYLOR

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Joseph and supported by Mr. Bowerman to accept the Stipulation as prepared. India Ramsey had recused herself from voting. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

IVY K. GILLESPIE MEMORIAL CHAPEL & SIAN-SHERMAN DWIGHT GILLESPIE

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Pixley and supported by Mr. Joseph to accept the Stipulation as prepared. Rick Bowerman had recused himself from voting. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARD & TAYLOR FAMILY FUNERAL HOME & SIERA L. HEARD

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Pixley and supported by Mr. Joseph to accept the Stipulation as prepared. India Ramsey had recused herself from voting. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARING REPORTS

GENERATIONS FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES & PAUL E. BUCHANAN

PAUL E. BUCHANAN

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Pixley and supported by Mr. Bowerman that the following penalty be assessed: A fine in the amount of \$10,000.00 made payable to the State of Michigan within 60 days from the date of mailing of the Final Order; Respondent's license is immediately suspended for one (1) year or until the terms of the Final Order are met, whichever is later; Respondent must take and successfully pass the written examination on the laws and rules of Michigan approved by the Department and the Board; and the Department will deny any future applications for licensure or renewal submitted by Respondent until the terms of the Final Order are met. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

GENERATIONS FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Pixley and supported by Ms. Ramsey that the following penalty be assessed: A fine in the amount of \$10,000.00 made payable to the State of Michigan within 60 days from the date of mailing of the Final Order; Respondent must ensure that each of the three, unlicensed facilities its owner leases and operates is either permanently closed or issued a separate funeral establishment license by the Department within thirty (30) days after the date of mailing of the Final Order, or the funeral establishment license held by Respondent will be suspended until that occurs; and if Respondent fails to pay the fine on time, Respondent's license will be suspended or continue to be suspended and license or license renewals for its licensed funeral establishment located in Farmington Hills denied until the terms of the Final Order are met. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

The Bureau's legislative analyst, Mitchell Page, provided an update of the Rules Subcommittee in the Request for Rulemaking associated with 2023-17 LR. The Rules Subcommittee will resume its regularly scheduled meetings to continue reviewing and revising the draft rules and will have the opportunity to review any verbal or written public comments received at a future public hearing on the proposed rule changes or during a specified public comment period before deciding whether to make any additional revisions to the draft rules. The Board may schedule an additional meeting between its April and October meetings, so that the full Board may review the recommendations of the Rules Subcommittee concerning the draft rules.

Brian Joseph updated the Board on the work of the Suggested Sanctions Subcommittee. The Board agreed to table a decision on whether to adopt the draft Suggested Sanctions document until its next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No individuals addressed the Board.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM COMMISSIONERS OR DEPARTMENT

NONE

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Michigan Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science will be held on October 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Board on October 4, 2023.

Prepared by:
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Corporations, Securities, and Commercial Licensing Bureau