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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN MORTUARY SCIENCE  
October 8, 2025**

**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 October 8, 2025, at the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau. The board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brian Joseph at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	Brian Joseph Richard Bowerman II Mark Evely India Ramsey Lindsey Jonkhoff Rogers Charlotte Goutimy Stephen Lang	Professional Member Professional Member Professional Member Professional Member Professional Member Public Member Public Member
Absent:	Vern Pixley Denise McPherson-Pratt	Professional Member Public Member
Staff:	Michele Wagner-Gutkowski Linda Clegg Benjamin Parker Stefanie Barr LaDena Goins Caitlin Keene Mitchell Page Bradley Horton Jenae' Anderson	Assistant Attorney General CSCL Bureau Director Licensing Division Director Recording Secretary Departmental Technician Regulatory Compliance Director Legislative Analyst Administrative Law Specialist Administrative Law Specialist

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 9, 2025**

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Rogers and supported by Mr. Bowerman to approve the minutes as written from the meeting held April 9, 2025. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No individuals addressed the Board.

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **PETITIONERS**

#### **ERIC HATHORN**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Evely and supported by Mr. Bowerman that, after careful consideration of the written petition for review, the Board recommends to the Department to renew the Resident Trainee license for Eric Hathorn for 1 year. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **STIPULATIONS**

#### **CHARLES R. LUX FAMILY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE AND CHARLES R. LUX, JR.**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Evely and supported by Ms. Ramsey to accept the Stipulation as prepared. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **CLORA FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES, LLC AND JO ANN HILL BROWN AND MAJOR CALVIN CLORA, JR.**

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Goutimy and supported by Mr. Evely to accept the Stipulation as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **CREMATION SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN**

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Rogers 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.

#### **HIND ZAHR**

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Ramsey and supported by Ms. Goutimy to accept the Stipulation as prepared. Lindsey Rogers had recused herself from voting. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **LJ GRIFFIN FUNERAL HOME, INC. AND LAWRENCE J. GRIFFIN**

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

#### **PHILLIP CARL POTTER**

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

**DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME AND JOHN C. FLORIN**

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

**FLORIN FUNERAL SERVICE, INC. AND JOHN C. FLORIN**

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Rogers and supported by Mr. Evely to accept the Stipulation as prepared. Brian Joseph recused himself from voting. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**WALTER SCOTT SKUPNY FUNERAL HOME AND JENIECE RACHELLE BALLERINI**

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

**NEW MCFALL BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME OF DETROIT, LLC.**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Bowerman and supported by Ms. Goutimy to accept the Stipulation as prepared. Brian Joseph recused himself from voting. The motion failed by unanimous roll call vote.

**LIFE'S JOURNEY FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICE AND SEAN JUDE O'BERSKI**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Evely and supported by Ms. Rogers to accept the Stipulation as prepared. Brian Joseph recused himself from voting. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**GRAMER FUNERAL HOME (DIENER CHAPEL) INC. AND PAUL HENRY GRAMER, ENF-24-020132**

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

**GRAMER FUNERAL HOME (DIENER CHAPEL) INC. AND PAUL HENRY GRAMER, ENF-24-020134**

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

**MONICA BRIANNE PETISH**

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

**ROBISON-BAHNMILLER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES AND  
STEPHEN REED ROBISON**

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Rogers and supported by Ms. Ramsey to accept the Stipulation as prepared. Brian Joseph recused himself from voting. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Goutimy and supported by Ms. Rogers to approve the 2026 meeting schedule. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Bureau's Division Director, Benjamin Parker, provided the Board with a brief update on Continuing Education, which will begin in November.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM BOARD OR DEPARTMENT**

The Bureau's Division Director, Benjamin Parker, provided the Board with an update on the Citation Program. The Department began using the Citation Program in June of 2025.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Michigan Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science will be held on April 8, 2026, 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 11:12 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Board on April 8, 2026.

Prepared by:  
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Corporations, Securities, and Commercial Licensing Bureau