

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

Minutes of July 14, 2015 Board Meeting

Members Present: Glenn Henderson, Chair; Brian Mays, Bethel Shields, Chad Poitras, Robert Barnes, John Brennan, and James Fernald.

Others Present: Torrey Gray, Board Administrator; Ronald Guay, AAG; Dottie Perry, Investigator; and Merica Tripp.

Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Glenn Henderson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a motion by Robert Barnes and seconded by Bethel Shields, the minutes from the May 12, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Vote: 7 in favor

NEW BUSINESS

A. COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S)

2015-FUN-11200

A complaint was filed against a licensed practitioner alleging unprofessional conduct.

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Chad Poitras and seconded by Bethel Shields to dismiss the complaint.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Brian Mays)

2015-FUN-10410

A complaint was filed against a licensed practitioner alleging unprofessional conduct.

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Bethel Shields and seconded by Robert Barnes to offer a consent agreement to include an admission, a warning and a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 for violation of Chapter 15, Sections 1 and 7 and of the Board's Rules.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Brian Mays)

2015-FUN-11039

A complaint was filed against a former practitioner.

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Robert Barnes and seconded by John Brennan to offer a consent agreement to include an admission, a reprimand and a civil penalty in the amount of \$1500.00 for both violations.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Brian Mays)

After further discussion, a motion was made by Robert Barnes and seconded by James Fernald to refer this case to the Office of the Attorney General to issue a cease and desist letter.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Brian Mays)

2015-FUN-11040

A complaint was filed against an unlicensed business.

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Bethel Shields and seconded by Chad Poitras to table a decision and refer the case to the Office of the Attorney General to issue a cease and desist letter in addition to a possible consumer alert and referrals to boards in other states.

Vote: 6 in favor (1 recused – Brian Mays)

B. REVIEW OF DECISION & ORDER(S)

Steven Nadeau

A motion was made by Brian Mays to approve the Decision and Order with changes as discussed. The motion was seconded by James Fernald.

Vote: 7 in favor

OTHER BUSINESS

A. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Henderson is looking forward to his new role with the Board and thanked Mr. Barnes for his many years of service.

B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Gray reviewed the status of LD952, An Act Regarding the Licensure of Funeral Service Providers in addition to reporting the number of licensees of the Board.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, in a motion by Brian Mays and seconded by Robert Barnes, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:39 am.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2015.