

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

Minutes of May 12, 2026, Board Meeting

Members Present: Thomas Newhall, Peter Arsenault, and Julie Ann Johnson

Others Present: Candice Wright, Regulatory Board Manager, Randy Dow, AAG; Tammy Reed, Board Clerk

Members via Zoom: Robert Barnes and Jeffrey Dobson

Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Peter Arsenault called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Thomas Newhall made a motion to approve March 10, 2026, minutes as written. Julia Ann Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

APPLICATION WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

Paul Ramery, Pending AT11801

Robert Barnes made a motion grant the withdrawal request. Thomas Newhall seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

APPLICATION REVIEW

Michael Frachette – Pending PR10552

Thomas Newhall made a motion to preliminarily deny the application and offer a consent agreement. Peter Arsenault seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2025-FUN-20960

Thomas Newhall made a motion to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Jeffery Dobson seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor 1 abstain

2026-FUN-21207

Peter Arsenault made a motion table the complaint until the next board meeting; Julie Ann Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor 1 recused

ADDENDUM COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2017-FUN-12938

Thomas Newhall made a motion to offer a second amended consent agreement. Julie Ann Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

10 M.R.S. § 8003-H ENDORSEMENT CHART

Thomas Newhall made a motion to not accept the following state(s) as having substantially equivalent qualifications for licensure as a Practitioner of Funeral Service; California. Julie Ann Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

CHAIRS REPORT

Discussed the two vacant public member seats for the board.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Spoke about upcoming rulemaking for the next board meeting.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Peter Arsenault made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 am. Robert Barnes seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor