

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

Minutes of March 10, 2026, Board Meeting

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

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

Members via Zoom: Robert Barnes

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 January 13, 2026, minutes as written. Julie Ann Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2026-FUN-21206

Julie Ann Johnson made a motion to dismiss the complaint due to lack of a violation of board law or rule. Thomas Newhall seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor 1 abstain

2026-FUN-21184

Thomas Newhall made a motion to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance Julie Ann Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor 1 recused

RENEWAL APPLICATION

Jonathan McClure – PR9426

Thomas Newhall made a motion to grant the renewal application. Julie Ann Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

APPLICATION REVIEW

Wade Clukey – AT10190

Robert Barnes made a motion to issue the license. Peter Arsenault seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

UPDATE ON NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CA TERM ON REQUIRED TESTING

Melissa Johnson Pierce – PR10477

Thomas Newhall made a motion to table to the May 12, 2026, board meeting. Jeffery Dobson seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

10 M.R.S. § 8003-H ENDORSEMENT CHART

Peter Arsenault made a motion to accept the following states as having substantially equivalent qualifications for licensure as a Practitioner of Funeral Service; Connecticut and Texas and voted to table the following states; New Hampshire, New York and Vermont. Robert Barnes seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

RULEMAKING

CHAIRS REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Robert Barnes made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 am. Jeffery Dobson seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor