

MINUTES
BOARD OF FUNERAL, CEMETERY, AND CONSUMER SERVICES
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING
JUNE 25, 2026 - 10:00 A.M.

A. Call to Order, Preliminary Remarks, and Roll Call

Ms. Jill Peeples – Good morning, this is Jill Peeples, Chair of the Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services. Today is Thursday, June 25, 2026, and approximately 10:05, and I appreciate everyone's assistance, as we had a little technical difficulty this morning. So, I'll call the meeting to order and turn it over to Ms. Simon.

Ms. Ellen Simon – Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm trying to determine who is not here. I just spoke with Ken Jones, and I suggested how he should get on the call. David Chapman is not here.

Mr. Ken Jones – I am here, but I have no camera. I will keep trying.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jones, thank you for participating.

Mr. Jones – I'll keep trying.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Ms. Simon, are you ready to proceed?

Ms. Simon – I am. Thank you, ma'am. Good morning, everyone. My name is Ellen Simon. I am the Assistant Director for the Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services. Today is June 25, 2026, and it is approximately 10:06 a.m. You may have noticed that Ms. Munson is not on the call today. Instead, Ms. Aikens of the Office of the General Counsel is Board counsel today. Many of you will remember Ms. Aikens acted as Board counsel for the Board earlier this year. This is a public meeting of the Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services. This meeting is being held by videoconference. Notice of this meeting has been duly published in the Florida Administrative Register. An agenda for this meeting has been made available to the public as well. Both the link and call-in number are on the agenda, which has been made available to the public. The link and call in number as well as other information relating to this Board meeting has also been published on the Division's website. Ms. LaTonya Bryant is recording the meeting and minutes will be prepared.

As this is a videoconference of the Board, there are some items I need to draw your attention to. For one, as a general rule, please do not utilize your video camera for the meeting unless you are a Board member, Board counsel, or an authorized Division employee. If you have a matter listed on the agenda and intend to appear before the Board to represent yourself, or if you are an attorney that is representing a client, only turn your video camera option on when we have reached the agenda item that you want to be heard on or when you hear your name called. Then turn your video camera option off again as soon as your matter has been addressed by the Board.

As always, we need everyone that is on the call to place their phone or audio feed on mute, if you are not speaking. The ambient noise coming from someone's phone or audio, which is not muted, causes severe disruption to the meeting. If you are not muted, you may be muted by Division staff. As a result, you may need to call back into the meeting because that may be the only way to unmute your phone. Also, if you are using your computer or smartphone for your audio feed, please remember to speak directly into the microphone on your device. To do so otherwise negatively impacts the recording of this meeting. Just as in a live meeting, persons speaking are requested to identify themselves for the record each time they speak. Participants are respectfully reminded that the Board's Chair, Ms. Peeples, runs the meeting. Persons desiring to speak should initially ask the Chair for permission.

As a reminder to Board members, you are to refrain from commenting on facts not included within your Board packages and instead base your decision solely on the information in your Board packages, as well as testimony provided at this meeting. Additionally, ongoing investigations are private and confidential and are not to be discussed, even for the purposes of confirming there is an investigation.

Just a few words about Item Z on your agenda, which is Public Comment. Public Comment is reserved for general comments by the public and not for relitigating any matter before the Board. Please be aware that if Public Comment is used as an attempt to relitigate a matter that has been heard on this agenda, the Board will be instructed that the comment is not appropriate for Public Comment, and it should not be considered for further discussion.

As a final reminder, Board meetings are public meetings under Florida Law, and anything said via chat is subject to a public records request. This feature should only be used for technological issues you may be experiencing, and all inquiries in chat should be directed to Mary Schwantes, our Executive Director. She is monitoring the chat feature and, as necessary, will forward your inquiry to someone who can assist in resolution of the problem. Madam Chair, at this point I will call the roll:

Jill Peeples, Chair
Andrew Clark, Vice Chair
David Chapman {EXCUSED}
Sanjena Clay
Vincent "Todd" Ferreira
Christian "Chris" Jensen
Kenneth "Ken" Jones
Janis Liotta
William "Bill" Quinn
Darrin Williams

Also noted as present:

Kara Aikens, Board Legal Advisor
Kimberly Marshall, Department Legal Counsel
Greg Caracci, Department Legal Counsel
Nicole Eldeb, Department Legal Counsel
LaTonya Bryant, Department Staff

Ms. Simon – Madam Chair, David Chapman was excused from today's meeting.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Simon – And we have a quorum for the business of the Board. Shall I move on to the next item?

Mr. Bill Quinn – Mr. Chair, may I make a comment?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Quinn.

Mr. Quinn – Thank you. As an appointed Board member affiliated with SCI, I want to assure this Board that my approach to decision-making will be guided by impartiality, fairness, and objectivity. After thoroughly reviewing the agenda, I will make my decisions based on the facts and the information presented. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir. Ms. Simon?

B. Action on Minutes

- (1) April 2, 2026
- (2) May 7, 2026

Ms. Simon – It may be appropriate right now for a Board member to make a motion regarding these minutes.

MOTION: Ms. Sanjena Clay moved to adopt the minutes from both meetings. Mr. Darrin Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Old Business

- (1) Application for Removal Service

(a) Recommended for Approval with Conditions
1. Olani Removal Services LLC (Groveland)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of the entity on the phone today?

Ms. Oslay Layne – Yes, Oslay Layne.

Ms. Simon – Thank you so much. An application for new licensure of a removal service based upon a change in location was received by the Division on or about January 15, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on April 8, 2026. The List of Principals included two: Ms. Oslay D. Layne and Ms. Chianti Smith. A background check of the principals revealed that while Ms. Layne had no relevant criminal history, Ms. Smith did. This matter originally came before the Board in May 2026. At that time, the Board expressed concern regarding Ms. Smith's criminal history. The matter was tabled. On June 16, 2026, the Division received an updated List of Principals listing Ms. Layne as the sole principal. The amended annual report with the Division of Corporations reflects Ms. Layne as the sole officer for the establishment. As a result, the Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the establishment pass an inspection by a member of the Division staff.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Will you please swear in Ms. Layne? I have a question and there may be other questions by Board members for her, please.

Ms. Simon – Ms. Layne, if you can raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Layne – Yes.

Ms. Simon – You may lower your arm. Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Ms. Layne – My name is Oslay Layne, last name is L-A-Y-N-E.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Layne. We appreciate you being a participant in the meeting today. I have a question for you, and I know this is the second time that you've appeared and appreciate you giving us that opportunity. In our packet, on Page 15 of 16 of the PDF packets, there was a form you completed that said other licenses form and it stated that you have a current removal service license. So, you're applying for another removal service license. Are you going to have two (2) removal facilities or are you going to be relinquishing the current one and starting a new one? Can you just update us, please?

Ms. Layne – Absolutely. I filled that out because I do currently have a license, so I wanted to answer it truthfully. I'm just really needing to change my location because I moved.

Chair Peeples – Okay and I appreciate you kind of answering my question and Ms. Simon I have a for the Division team. With a removal facility change of location, would this license that's currently approved and operating under, would it need to be relinquished, and the new license issued?

Ms. Simon – It would be preferable to have the old license relinquished if Ms. Layne is seeking new licensure.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Ms. Layne, as Ms. Simon had relayed, would you give us your verbal yes or no that the current license you have, that is license number F852115, that you'll be relinquishing that one? And then if the Board approves you, you will have a new license for the new location.

Ms. Layne – Yes, ma'am, I will relinquish it. Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, do we have any other questions for Ms. Layne? Hearing none, what's the pleasure of the Board?

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the establishment pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Mr. Todd Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Layne. We appreciate it. Good luck.

Ms. Layne – Thank you.

*(2) Petitioner's Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Alternative Relief
(a) Moore, Carnell*

Ms. Simon – Is Mr. Moore on the meeting today?

Mr. Carnell Moore – Yes, I am.

Ms. Simon – Thank you. This is a request for reconsideration of the denial that Mr. Moore received for his application. Good cause was found to supplement a record twice over this past week, which was after the agenda was published. And last night at 9:35, the Division received another pleading from Mr. Moore. That pleading was a final version of what had been previously sent, but due to the lateness of the time we were unable to get that matter out before the Board. On January 8, 2026, the Applicant's application for preneed sales agent licensure was presented to the Board. The Board denied the application based upon the Applicant's adverse licensing history and the Notice of Intent to Deny was issued April 6, 2026. As a reminder to the Board, the discipline history included discipline by the North Carolina Department of Financial Services of Insurance where the Applicant was fined \$500 and by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) where the Applicant's securities license was suspended for thirty (30) days, and he was fined \$5,000. In 2024, an additional disciplinary action was filed against the applicant by FINRA where his securities license was suspended for ninety (90) days, and he was fined \$10,000. The applicant contested the Board's findings and on May 7, 2026, the applicant had a Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes (Informal Hearing) before the Board. At that meeting, the Board affirmed its previously entered Order which rendered the application denied. Before the Final Order was issued, on May 11, 2026, the applicant filed a Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Alternative Relief. And on May 15, 2026, the applicant filed an Amended Emergency Motion for Stay of Administrative Action Pending Reconsideration and Settlement Proposal. The statutory bases provided in the Motion do not provide a basis for reconsideration by the Board. The Board is under no obligation to consider this motion. The Board can choose to ignore the Motion, deny the Motion, or approve the Motion. There is a process involved, appellate rights have been provided, and the Applicant was instructed how to properly proceed forward. This process did not include petitioning the Board. Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. If you will, swear in Mr. Moore, please.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Moore, please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you, God?

Mr. Moore – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Moore, please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Mr. Moore – Carnell Moore, M-O-O-R-E.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir.

Chair Peeples – Thank you Mr. Moore. First, Mr. Moore let me address the Board members. Board members, we have had Mr. Moore before us as Ms. Simon has stated. She read the cover sheet with our options. We're under no obligation to consider this Motion. We can choose to ignore the Motion, we can deny the Motion, or we can approve the Motion. So, Board members, do you have any discussion at this time that you would like to make so that we know how we need to go further? What is the Board's pleasure? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Chris Jensen – Yes, a little bit of discussion. So, I was reading this and Mr. Moore, please correct me if I'm wrong, but as I understand it, you're basically saying that your past deeds should not have any effect on this license. That's your argument. Is that correct?

Mr. Moore – Can you repeat that, please?

Mr. Jensen – In your argument, you're basically saying your past, whatever happened in the past, should not have been used to determine whether you get a preneed license. Is that your argument?

Mr. Moore – That's part of it. From reading Chapter 497 and Chapter 455, it should be considered.

Mr. Jensen – Hold on, Mr. Moore. I just wanted a yes or no to that. In reading the supplemental material that was sent out by Ms. Simon, you say in there that a refusal of this license will have trickle-down effects on your other licenses. So, you're definitely contradicting yourself. So, you know, I don't even see how you think we should even consider this.

Mr. Moore – Okay, could I finish what I was stating, sir?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, sir.

Chair Peebles – Mr. Moore, if you'll go through me to ask for the opportunity to speak because I have a lot of folks that I have to put in the availability, so if you'll do that and if you would, reply to Mr. Jensen's comment.

Mr. Moore – Madam Chair, may I speak?

Chair Peebles – Yes, sir. I asked you to reply, sir.

Mr. Moore – Okay. So, Mr. Jensen, Chapter 497 and Chapter 455, does discuss past disciplinary history and it does say if the Board feels that I am a threat to the public, then that reason for denial. I do not consider, I know I'm not a threat to the public. I've been practicing financial services for over thirty (30) years and there is no client harm, there's no client complaint. If you do deny, yes, it does have other effects on my license because it becomes a disciplinary reporting action, and so I have to go to FINRA and other insurance departments that are outside of the State of Florida that I'm registered with. So, it can have a very, very, very adverse effect on my current licenses, but when it comes to determining if I can have a preneed license, it should not affect me going forward on that because I am not a threat to the public.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Mr. Moore. We appreciate that. And as we have had the discussion in prior visits that you were a part of previous Board meetings, the Board made their determination and then you had asked for consideration to come forward. I think I may have stated and I may not have, but for the meeting there were consequences to decisions, and I think you know that. You have admitted that, and we appreciate you bringing that to us, but you are asking under this Division and this Board to issue you a license and we had stated that we denied it in previous situations, in previous Board meetings, because of the information that was presented to us. So, I'm sorry that you're having to go through this. I'm sorry that you may have other areas that may affect you. Is there any other Board members that have questions for Mr. Moore? Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – It may be appropriate for the Board to rule on the matter of reconsideration before we go further with any other comments. Madam Chair, if you would do so.

Chair Peebles – Thank you. I appreciate that, Ms. Simon. What is the Board's pleasure?

Mr. Moore – Madam Chair?

Chair Peebles – No, sir. No, sir. Let me go forward really quickly, sir. What is the Board's pleasure? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes. Question for Ms. Aikens. I'm looking at the options that are available and, in my opinion, we should deny it because we've had massive discussions on this already. But are we better off as a Board to say we deny, or we just want to

disregard it all together.

Ms. Kara Aikens – So, if the Board upholds its previous Notice of Intent to Deny, that will give Mr. Moore appellate rights that he can exercise, and that will remove it away from the Board into circuit court.

Chair Peeples – Does that answer your question, sir?

Mr. Jensen – No, ma'am. Could you expand a little bit on it if we just chose to disregard it, don't want to hear it?

Ms. Aikens – So, if you disregard the Motion for Reconsideration, the previous Notice and Final Order that was filed, it still stands. And I'm not sure when that last Final Order was filed. And if Mr. Moore has tried to exhaust any of those appellate rights from that decision. That's something that he'll have to look at and decide on the time factor. I believe it's twenty-one (21) days from the date that he received that Order. So, either way, whether you ignore it or whether you deny it, it's still going to have the same effect. So, that Final Order is still going to essentially stand, and the Board's previous decision of denying the license is still going to be upheld.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Aikens, if I may? Caveating on Mr. Jensen's questions, if we uphold the previous Order, which was to deny his license, he will have the opportunity to go to DOAH, is that correct?

Ms. Aikens – Yes.

Chair Peeples – So, Board members, do we have any other questions for Ms. Aikens? What would be your pleasure? Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Actually, I'm begging deference to Ms. Aikens. I believe that... Excuse me, I'm sorry for interrupting. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Board members, what is your pleasure?

Mr. Quinn – May I ask a question, Madam Chair? This is Bill Quinn.

Chair Peeples – Not of Mr. Moore at the moment. This would be a question maybe to Ms. Aikens or to Ms. Simon. Is that where your question is to be directed?

Mr. Quinn – Yes. Ms. Aikens.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir.

Mr. Quinn – Is one of our options, as a Board, to let him voluntarily withdraw his application and then we could vacate the Final Order of denial?

Ms. Aikens – The Board does have that option. If they do wish to allow him to withdraw his application, you would need to make a motion to vacate the previous Notice of Intent to Deny.

Mr. Quinn – Am I correct in saying that would wipe the formal denial off of his records and protect his other licenses?

Ms. Aikens – It would take away the denial. I can't speak as to protecting his other licenses.

Mr. Quinn – Thank you.

Mr. Moore – May I speak first?

Chair Peeples – No, sir. Mr. Moore, I need you to kind of give us an opportunity to get our decision if we need to go forward. Okay, sir. Thank you. Members?

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir, Mr. Ferreira?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to deny. Ms. Clay seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Just to be clear, is this a motion to deny the request for reconsideration?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Clay, you agree with that?

Ms. Clay – Yes, ma'am, I do.

Chair Peeples – We have a motion, and we have a second. Is there any discussion on the motion? Mr. Jones?

Mr. Jones – Thank you. Going back to Mr. Quinn's question before we vote. Is there any discussion on allowing him to withdraw his application before we vote?

Chair Peeples – We have a motion to deny the reconsideration now. That is the motion that we have on the floor, so we need to address that motion. We have a motion and a second.

Mr. Jones – All right.

Mr. Moore – Madam Mr. Chair, I do feel that I am being muted for some reason.

Chair Peeples – Excuse me, sir. Mr. Moore, we have a motion and a second. If you'll please give us a moment to process this motion, please, sir. Thank you.

Mr. Moore – This motion will actually {inaudible} information that's being asked.

Ms. Aikens – Mr. Moore, it's not your time to speak. There is a motion. There is a process of handling these matters. So once the motion is taken up and it's voted on, then the Chair will decide on how the Board proceeds. Sorry, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – It's okay. Thank you, Ms. Aikens. Thank you, Mr. Moore. We appreciate your understanding. So, we have a motion to deny reconsideration. We have a second. Ms. Simon, will you do a roll-call vote, please?

Mr. Williams – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – Just a question for Ms. Aikens possibly. May I?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Williams – So if this motion that's on the floor currently goes forward, would we see this again, if we go through the procedures?

Ms. Aikens – No. So, in the materials, I see the original Notice of Intent to Deny. I thought I read somewhere that there was another Final Order upholding that Notice of Intent to Deny. But that first notice was sent in April, I believe, so his appellate rights on that Order would have lapsed already. So, if this motion goes through, you will not see this again.

Mr. Williams – Follow-up, Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Williams – And then second, Ms. Aiken, to Mr. Jones and Mr. Quinn's point, if this motion dies, if the opportunity is given for the person to withdraw their application, do we have to hear it again, maybe? I'm just trying to understand.

Ms. Aikens – No. So, with that option, what happens is the Board would make a motion to vacate the previous Notice of Intent to Deny, and then the applicant would simply just state on the record, I wish to withdraw my application. And then a Final Order will come out stating, a Final Order Vacating the Prior Final Order, which was the Notice of Intent to Deny and Allowing Applicant to Withdraw His Application. So, it would be essentially like he never applied, never received the Notice of Intent to Deny, never made a Motion for Reconsideration.

Mr. Williams – Okay, thank you so much Ms. Aikens. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – You're welcome. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Right on to that Mr. Williams, he does have the opportunity to reapply for licensure. He does have that opportunity should the withdrawal be granted. And really, even if there is a denial, the denial would be on the record the next time this came up. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. We have a motion on the floor to deny reconsideration with a second by Ms. Clay. Is there any other discussion on the motion? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes. What Ms. Simon said confused me again on this. Should we just act like it, you know, we're not going to listen to it, or should we deny it? Ms. Aikens, I'm still a little confused on that. I'm of the opinion that we ought to put this to bed forever. What is the best choice to do that? Or is there that possibility?

Ms. Aikens – I won't say there's a best choice because like Ms. Simon said, the applicant, either way, if the Board chooses to vacate the prior Notice of Intent to Deny and withdraw their application, or if there is a denial of his request for reconsideration today, he can still reapply. So, you know, he may come back in five (5) years and reapply for this license or another license. It really, the only difference is going to be if he has to say, yes, I've been denied for a license before or no, I have not been denied for licensure.

Mr. Jensen – May I follow up, Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Jensen – Yes, I'm still a little confused on that third option. The third option being that we just act like we didn't hear this. How did you put that, Ms. Simon? I know it's in our materials here. I can't put my finger on it.

Ms. Simon – That may have been in error. That may have been an error. I would follow Ms. Aikens on this.

Ms. Aikens – Yes, I don't normally, if we have a Motion for Reconsideration before the Board, that is something that the Board would need to act on. And acting on it means you need to decide to accept it and make a different decision than your Notice of Intent to Deny or deny the Motion for Reconsideration, and it upholds the prior Notice of Intent to Deny.

Mr. Jensen – Okay. Thank you, Ms. Aikens.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Jensen. So, we have a motion. We have a second. Is there any other discussion before we have a vote? Ms. Simon, will you do a roll call vote, please ma'am?

Ms. Simon – Yes. Those in favor of denying the Motion for Reconsideration, please do so by saying Aye. Mr. Clark?

Mr. Clark – Aye

Ms. Simon – Mr. Quinn?

Mr. Quinn – No.

Ms. Simon – Ms. Clay?

Ms. Clay – Aye

Ms. Simon – Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Aye.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Aye.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Jones?

Mr. Jones – No.

Ms. Simon – Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – No.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – No.

Ms. Simon – And Madam Chair?

Chair Peebles – Aye.

Ms. Simon – And that motion passes.

Chair Peebles – So, where we are now is the motion has passed to deny reconsideration. So, Mr. Moore, you can be in touch with the Division office, and they can update you or it seems like you've been doing your research, you can go forward, Ms. Aikens, please correct me if I'm incorrect and he can contact DOAH and go forward. Is that correct, Ms. Aikens?

Ms. Aikens – Yes, Madam Chair. You'll receive an Order just essentially stating that your Motion for Reconsideration was denied and it will lay out options, if any, from that point.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Mr. Moore for being present today. Ms. Simon?

D. Rules Committee Items

Ms. Simon – At this point I'll turn the meeting over to Ms. Schwantes.

Ms. Mary Schwantes – Thank you. There are just a few items on today's agenda regarding the Rules Committee findings.

(1) Minutes from May 11, 2026

Ms. Schwantes – These are the minutes from the May 11, 2026, Rules Committee meeting. The Rules Committee previously reviewed and approved these minutes at its meeting on June 12th. Board action is needed on this matter.

Chair Peeples – Board members?

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Am I okay to make a motion to approve since I'm on that Committee, or no?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to adopt the minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you.

(2) Report and Recommendations from May 11, 2026

Ms. Schwantes – At the Rules Committee meeting on May 11th, the Committee reviewed and considered any rulemaking that would be required as a result of the anticipated approval of SB1450, which is titled Department of Financial Services - 2026 and is otherwise referred to us as the Agency Bill. That bill passed in the Legislature in mid-March 2026 and essentially becomes effective upon approval by the Governor. The Committee considered the creation of a new rule, Rule 69K-1.009 Effect of Law Enforcement Records on Applications for Licensure. The proposed language for the new rule is set out in the Report. After discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend opening this new rule for development as soon as the bill becomes effective. The Rules Committee previously reviewed and approved this report at its meeting on June 12th. Board action is needed on this matter, with approval of both the report and the recommended rule. Assuming approval, a Notice of Rule Development will be filed on the new rule as soon as the bill becomes law. We would appreciate a motion for approval of the report and the recommendation.

Chair Peeples – Board members, what is your pleasure for the report and recommendations from the Rules Committee meeting on May 11, 2026?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the Committee's report and recommendation from May 11, 2026. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you.

(3) Report and Recommendations from June 12, 2026

Ms. Schwantes – The final item on the agenda is the report and recommendations from June 12, 2026, Rules Committee meeting. Following discussion on that date the Committee determined that seven (7) rules should be opened for development as a result of the passage of SB598, which is the Association Bill, and in accordance with section 120.54(1)(b), Florida Statutes. Those rules are listed on Page 2 of the report. The report also sets out details regarding the Committee's review of all rules potentially impacted by the passage of SB598 and information on how the recommendations were reached. Very quickly, the rules that need to be changed would be Rule 69K-5.009, Rule 69K-18.002, Rule 69K-18.003, Rule 69K-22.007, Rule 69K-25.001, Rule 69K-25.002 and Rule 69K-31.001. This report has not yet been reviewed by the Rules Committee but is presented here in the interest of time. If the report and recommendations contained in the report are approved by the Board, Board counsel will file the required Notice of Rule Development on each of the referenced rules by July 31st, which is the deadline for filing such matters, pursuant to section 120.54(1)(b), and action is needed to approve both the report in its entirety and the recommendations contained therein.

Chair Peeples – What is the Board's pleasure regarding the Rules Committee meeting report and recommendations of the June 12, 2026, meeting?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the Committee's report and recommendations from June 12, 2026. Mr. Andrew Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you Board members. I'll turn this back over to Ms. Simon. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you ma'am.

E. Disciplinary Proceeding(s)

(1) Motion for Determination of Waiver and Request for Informal Hearing and for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Probable Cause Panel B)

(a) The Monument Co. LLC: DFS Case Nos. 350626-25-FC, 350657-25-FC, 350770-25-FC; Division Nos. ATN-45622, ATN-46313, ATN-43798 (F114502)

Ms. Simon – Is anybody representing The Monument Co. on the call today? Hearing no response. Ms. Eldeb?

Ms. Nicole Eldeb – Thank you, Ms. Simon. The above-referenced matter is presented to the Board for consideration of the Motion for Determination of Waiver and Request for Informal Hearing and for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Motion) in the matter of The Monument Co. LLC ("Respondent"). The Department conducted an inspection of Respondent and found as follows: At all times material to the allegations herein, Respondent was licensed as a monument establishment retailer. Respondent failed to timely honor contracts, aided, procured, employed, or advised Teuruhei Buchin in the sale of monuments when their license was in an expired status, and sold monuments while its license was in an expired status. This is a four-count administrative complaint, and the relevant statutes are as follows:

- Section 497.152(1)(a), Florida Statutes: Violating any provision of this Chapter or any lawful order of the Board or Department or the statutory predecessors to the Board or Department.
- Section 497.152(1)(b), Florida Statutes: Committing fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of any of the activities regulated under this Chapter.
- Section 497.152(5)(b), Florida Statutes: Practicing or attempting to practice with a revoked, suspended, inactive, or delinquent license.
- Section 497.157(1), Florida Statutes: no person or entity shall engage in any activity for which a license is required under Chapter 497 without holding such licensure in good standing.
- Section 497.550(1), Florida Statutes: no person shall conduct, maintain, manage, or operate a monument establishment in this state unless the monument establishment is licensed pursuant to Chapter 497, part V.
- Section 497.551(1), Florida Statutes: a monument establishment license shall be renewed biennially by the licensee.

The disciplinary guidelines for these violations are as follows:

- *Counts I-II: failing to timely honor contracts: Reprimand, fine of \$500 to \$1,000 plus costs. In addition, probation for 6 months to 2 years with conditions, suspension up to one (1) year, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*
- *Count III: aiding, assisting, procuring, employing, or advising any person or entity to practice a profession or occupation without required licensure: Reprimand, fine of \$1,000 to \$2,500 plus costs. In addition, probation for 6 months to 1 year with conditions, suspension up to 1 year, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*
- *Count IV: selling monuments with license in an expired status: If delinquent, \$250 per month. If other, fine of \$2,000-\$3,500 plus costs. In addition, probation for up to two (2) years with conditions, suspension up to two (2) years or permanent revocation of license may be imposed. Reprimand, fine of \$1,000 to \$2,500 plus costs. In addition, probation for six (6) months to one (1) year with conditions, suspension up to one (1) year, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*

The Motion demonstrates that Respondent failed to timely file a responsive pleading contesting the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint, requests that the Board adopt the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint, and requests that the Board issue an appropriate penalty in this matter. At this time, it would be appropriate for the Chair to entertain a motion determining that the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond and has thus waived the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter.

Chair Peeples – Board Members?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved that Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond and has thus waived the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter. Ms. Janis Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Eldeb – The Department asks that the Chair entertain a motion determining that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Eldeb – Now that the Board has determined that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter, the Department asks the Chair to entertain a motion to adopt the allegations of fact as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to adopt the allegations of the fact, as set forth in the Administrative Complaint. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Eldeb – And I know Ms. Simon already asked, but if the Respondent is present, now would be an appropriate time to hear from the Respondent if they would like to speak. All right. The Department offers into evidence the investigative report with exhibits, a copy of which has been previously furnished to the Board to establish a prima facie case for the violations alleged in the Administrative Complaint. Now that the Board has adopted the findings of fact in this case, the Department asks the Chair to enter a motion finding that these facts constitute a violation of Florida Statutes as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

Chair Peebles – Thank you ma’am. Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved that Respondent is in violation of Florida Statutes as charged in the Administrative Complaint. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Williams – Madam Chair?

Chair Peebles – Yes, Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – I’m sorry, I neglected to disclose that I served on Probable Cause Panel B, and I need to recuse myself from E(1)(a), E(4)(a), E(4)(b), E(4)(c)1 and 2, and E(4)(d)1 and 2. And also, if I can recuse myself from disciplinary proceeding item E(3)(b) as I know the individual on that case.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Mr. Williams. We appreciate that. Ms. Eldeb, would you like to proceed with this area, please?

Ms. Eldeb – Yes, ma’am. Thank you. The Department’s recommendation for penalty is a fine of \$3,500 and one (1) year of probation. And just to make the Board aware, the Department has been having difficulty finding the licensee’s address because they vacated their previous address that we have on file.

Chair Peebles – What would be your request to the Board, ma’am?

Ms. Eldeb – The Department is recommending a fine of \$3,500 and one (1) year of probation.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$3,500 to be paid within thirty (30) days of the Board Order and one (1) year of probation with standard conditions. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Chair Peebles – Is there any discussion on the motion? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, a question for Ms. Eldeb. I noticed that even the minimums on the four (4) counts come up to like \$5,000. That’s not what I’m concerned with. If we do this fine, does that prevent this entity from applying for a license or operating or anything? Or can we say something to the effect of they can’t operate until the fine is paid, or is that automatic?

Ms. Eldeb – As far as I'm aware, that's not automatic. So, that would be a condition that the Board would have to add.

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Sir, if you'll offer a possible amended motion to Mr. Ferreira first, please.

Mr. Jensen – A friendly amended motion, Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes please.

Chair Peeples – What is your amended motion, Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – That this entity will not be able to operate until the fine is completely paid and the Department is satisfied.

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, sir. I agree with that.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jones, do you approve as a second?

Mr. Jones – Yes.

Chair Peeples – We have an amended motion. We have a \$3,500 fine, one-year probation and that the entity will not be able to operate until they have satisfied the fine. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Yes, ma'am. It may be appropriate to defer to Ms. Marshall.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Kimberly Marshall – So, I don't know what Ms. Simon was going to say but my comment on that would be, if you all are trying to say they can't operate, I don't know if you want to phrase that as a suspension or how you want to do that. Also, I wanted to note the license status {inaudible} last year. So, it's something to consider in how the expiration versus the suspension would {inaudible}.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, would you have any amendment to your amendment request to Mr. Ferreira, per Ms. Marshall's comments?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, ma'am. I would offer a friendly amendment that the license be suspended until all fines have been done. I would also like to add that then they have to come before the Board before the license is enacted. I don't know how to do that, but is that possible?

Chair Peeples – I'm not sure if it's a question for Ms. Simon or for Ms. Marshall or Ms. Eldeb. Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – I mean, certainly that's something you can require of them. I'd also like to note that we don't have any evidence that the unfulfilled contracts that are noted in this Administrative Complaint have been. So, you may want to consider that as a condition of their reinstatement.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, ma'am. I would offer that in the amendment, what she just said. I agree with that. They need to make everything right before they're allowed to come back in our business and pay their fines.

Chair Peeples – So what I have is, Mr. Ferreira, do you accept that amendment, the third amendment?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – And Mr. Jones, do you accept also?

Mr. Jones – Yes.

Chair Peeples – So we have a \$3,500 fine, one (1) year probation, that their license is suspended until their fund is paid. All agreements or contracts need to be fulfilled, and they will need to appear before the Board. Is that your amended motion, Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Schwantes – I just want to clarify, we're talking suspension until the fines are paid, one-year probation after that? And then they have to fulfill all the contracts?

Chair Peeples – That is right. Correct, Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, ma'am. That's my intent. Everything paid. If the Board at the time, if they happen to come forward if they decide to reissue a license then the automatic one-year probation would start at that time.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – I apologize for adding to that but just to be clear, Mr. Jensen did you mean that the Respondent needs to come before the Board before the suspension is lifted but {inaudible}.

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair, may I?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Jensen – My intent on that, Ms. Simon, is that all these people are made whole again. So, I don't know exactly how to word that, but you kind of see where I'm going. So, maybe someone could help me with putting the motion or the amended motion into a proper format. But I don't think they ought to be allowed to operate until they've made everybody whole and the Board actually has a discussion on what happened here, because we're really not talking about that, because there's no one here to answer any questions.

Chair Peeples – If I may, to Ms. Simon, Ms. Schwantes, Ms. Aikens, possibly Ms. Marshall or Ms. Eldeb. If they are suspended, they will not be able to fulfill these contracts. Is that correct? Would anyone like to chime in?

Ms. Aikens – Correct. If their license is suspended, then they cannot operate their business.

Chair Peeples – That's a consideration Board that we need to keep in mind. If any of the consumers that have been affected through this Administrative Complaint, we want these consumers to have their items whole, orders whole. So, Mr. Ferreira, you are the first motion {inaudible}. So, what is your request, Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – My request?

Chair Peeples – You made the first motion, so I need to come back to you as I made a comment, and I think our connection with GoTo is where we're all kind of having the in and fading today. I apologize for that. So, what would be your request to clean up this motion, because we need to take into consideration if we suspend their license until the fine is paid, they don't have to fulfill any of these orders. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – If I may Mr. Ferreira? I would suggest a motion that Respondent pay \$3,500, license be suspended until such time that he has paid \$3,500, and Respondent must appear before the Board before the suspension is lifted, so that you may want to deal with the work that must be done to compensate the consumers in this matter.

Mr. Ferreira – That makes sense to me.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jones, do you accept that motion, sir?

Mr. Jones – Yes, I accept the motion.

Chair Peeples – Is there any other discussion on the motion before we take a vote? Hearing none. All in favor of the motion, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed, say No. Motion carries.

(2) Motion to Vacate Final Order (Probable Cause Panel A)

(a) Related Cases - Division No. ATN-44718

1. Rivero, Jorge E.: DFS Case No. 344124-25-FC; Division No. ATN-44718 (F045199)

Ms. Simon – Is Mr. Rivero on the call today?

Mr. William Edwards – Yes. William Edwards, counsel for Mr. Rivero and Vior Funeral Home, Inc.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir. Presenting for the Department is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Greg Caracci – Thank you. The above-referenced matter is presented to the Board for consideration of the Motion to Vacate Final Order (“Motion”) in the matter of Jorge E. Rivero (“Respondent”). At all times material to the allegations herein, Respondent was licensed as a funeral director and embalmer license number F045199. Respondent was funeral director in charge of Vior Funeral Home Inc, a funeral establishment and apprentice/intern training agency, license number F041403. On or about July 15, 2025, the Department issued an Administrative Complaint against Respondent alleging that the establishment released cremated remains without the consent of the legally authorized person who approved the cremation and failed to obtain their declaration of intent as required. While Respondent did timely submit the Election of Proceeding indicating that he disputes the Department’s allegations, he did not specify what material fact or facts he disputes. As a result, at the September 4, 2025, Board meeting, the Department entered a Motion for an Order Dismissing Petition Without Prejudice. On about October 16, 2025, the Department entered an Order Dismissing the Petition Without Prejudice.

During January 8, 2026, Board meeting the Department entered a Motion for Determination of Waiver and Request for Informal Hearing and for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact, which was granted. Respondent was not present at the Board meeting. On April 20, 2026, a Final Order was issued imposing a \$1,000 administrative fine and one (1) year of probation on Respondent. After the Final Order was issued, counsel for Respondent contacted the Department to notify them that a responsive pleading to the Department’s Motion for an Order Dismissing Petition Without Prejudice had in fact been timely filed in September. The Department concedes that it overlooked said filing and should never have entered the Motion for Determination of Waiver and Request for Informal Hearing and for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact. As a result, the Department and counsel for Respondent request that the Final Order be vacated so the Department and Respondent can proceed with settlement negotiations or a formal hearing involving disputed issues of material fact.

Chair Peeples – Thank you Mr. Caracci. Mr. Jones?

Mr. Jones – Yes, I was on Probable Cause Panel A, and would like to recuse myself from any items associated with Probable Cause Panel A.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Jones. Mr. Edwards, would you like to address the Board members, sir?

Mr. Edwards – I’d just like to thank the Board for the time. I’d like to thank Mr. Caracci. He’s been wonderful to work with. And I think this was just some sort of an oversight that happened. Mr. Caracci and I have spoken, and we’re in agreement

with the Motion to Vacate the Order, which is actually brought by the State due to that oversight. So, I would request that the Board approve the motion. And again, thank you all for your time.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Board members, what is your pleasure?

Mr. Williams – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Williams?

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved to vacate the Final Order. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Caracci, does that complete us with this case, sir?

Mr. Caracci – This case, but there's a companion case.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Thank you.

2. Vior Funeral Home Inc: DFS Case No. 344123-25-FC; Division No. ATN-44718 (F041403)

Ms. Simon – I assume the same attorney is representing this entity. Mr. Caracci?

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. The above-referenced matter is presented to the Board for consideration of the Motion to Vacate Final Order (“Motion”) in the matter of Vior Funeral Home Inc (“Respondent”). At all times material to the allegations herein, Respondent was licensed as a funeral establishment license number F041403. On or about July 15, 2025, the Department issued an Administrative Complaint against Respondent alleging that the establishment released cremated remains without the consent of the legally authorized person who approved the cremation and failed to obtain their declaration of intent as required. While Respondent did timely submit the Election of Proceeding indicating that he disputes the Department’s allegations, he did not specify what material fact or facts he disputes. As a result, at the September 4, 2025, Board meeting, the Department entered a Motion for an Order Dismissing Petition Without Prejudice. On about October 16, 2025, the Department entered an Order Dismissing the Petition Without Prejudice.

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Chair Peeples – Board members what would be your pleasure on this companion case?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to vacate the Final Order. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Edwards. Thank you, Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Edwards – Thank you all for your time. Have a great day.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you.

(3) Settlement Stipulation (Probable Cause Panel A)

(a) Schuval, Lawrence Michael; DFS Case No.:306807-23-FC; Division No. ATN-39686 (F024258)

Ms. Simon – Is Mr. Schuval on the call or representative of Mr. Schuval?

Ms. Wendy Wiener – This is Wendy Wiener, representing the Respondent in this case.

Ms. Simon – Thank you. Presenting for the Department is Ms. Marshall.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Lawrence Michael Schuval (“Respondent”) is a funeral director and embalmer holding license number F024258. At all times material to the allegations in this case, Respondent was the funeral director in charge of Eden Funeral Services LLC, a formerly licensed funeral establishment which held license number F563919. The Department conducted an investigation of this establishment and found that it negligently handled human remains. As funeral director in charge, Respondent failed to ensure that the establishment complied with all applicable laws and rules and is therefore subject to discipline. Respondent has entered into a proposed Settlement Stipulation, which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$3,000. The Department requests that the Board accept this Settlement Stipulation as resolution of this matter and I’m here for questions. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Wiener, would you like to address the Board members or for questions only?

Ms. Wiener – Questions only. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma’am. Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to accept the Settlement Stipulation which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$3,000. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ladies.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

(b) Williams, Dillan Jadhari; DFS Case No. 330839-24-FC; Division No. ATN-42285 (F521037)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of Mr. Williams on the call today? Hearing no response. Presenting for the Department is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Caracci, before you begin, sir, may I? We have some folks that have joined the meeting that are not part of the folks that need to have their microphones on, and we need everyone to mute your connection please, because it's causing disruption for us. As I'm talking, I hear it in the background.

Ms. LaTonya Bryant – Madam Chair, it's the Board members, not anyone from the public.

Chair Peeples – Board members, if you'll turn your mics off please until we call for a vote. Thank you. Mr. Caracci?

Mr. Caracci – I'd like to note, I don't know if it caught it, but Mr. Williams did send a thumbs up to announce his presence.

Mr. Dillan Williams – I’m here.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Williams, if you will put your phone on mute until we have the reading of the memorandum, please. Thank you. Mr. Caracci?

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. Dillan Jadhari Williams (“Respondent”) is a funeral director and embalmer, licensed under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes, license number F521037. The Department conducted an investigation of Respondent and found that Respondent failed to furnish a general price list for retention and failed to ensure a burial was arranged. Respondent has entered into a proposed Settlement Stipulation, which provides that Respondent shall pay a \$1,750 fine and be subject to six (6) months of probation. The Department requests that the Board accept this Settlement Stipulation.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Caracci. Mr. Williams, would you like to address the Board? If so, we would need to swear you in, sir.

Mr. D J Williams – No, ma’am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to accept the Settlement Stipulation which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$1,750, and Respondent’s license shall be placed on probation for six (6) months. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Williams.

Mr. D J Williams – Thank you, ma’am.

(4) Settlement Stipulation (Probable Cause Panel B)

(a) Glover, Valerie Peterson: DFS Case No. 316186-23-FC; Division No. ATN-41262 (F082761)

Ms. Simon – Ms. Wiener is representing Ms. Glover and representing the Department is Ms. Marshall.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Valerie Peterson Glover (“Respondent”) is a funeral director and embalmer holding license number F082761. At all times material to the allegations in this case, Respondent was the funeral director in charge of Patterson Cremation and Funeral Services, Inc., a formerly licensed funeral establishment and apprentice/intern training agency which held license number F329657. The Department conducted an investigation of this establishment and found that it failed to provide a consumer with a complete contract and failed to specify, in writing, a time and date for cremation of a body. As funeral director in charge, Respondent failed to ensure that the establishment complied with all applicable laws and rules and is therefore subject to discipline. Respondent has entered into a proposed Settlement Stipulation, which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$1,000, and Respondent’s license shall be placed on probation for six (6) months. The Department requests that the Board accept this Settlement Stipulation as resolution of this matter and I’m here for questions. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Marshall. Ms. Wiener, questions only?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, ma’am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members?

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – I’d like to recuse myself from this vote, please.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Ferreira. Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, question maybe for Ms. Wiener here. So, Ms. Wiener, the second part of this, the time and date for cremation, I'm a little confused about that. I know on most cremation authorizations it says within a certain number of hours. Has something changed?

Ms. Wiener – Mr. Jensen, this is that issue that has been plaguing Florida licensees for a number of years because for a long time, this was sort of off of everyone's radar, but about fifteen (15) years ago, it was hot on everyone's radar. So about fifteen (15) years ago, I worked with the former Division Director, Doug Shropshire, and Assistant Division Director, Anthony Miller, and we developed language that's very broad. It says the forty-eight (48) hours starts upon receipt of all authorizations and blah, blah, blah. And if equipment's down, it starts when equipment comes back up. That was deemed by the Division to be sufficient. They actually brought it to the Board and the Board while not voting on it became aware of it. So that's the language on most of my best of authorizations for cremation. It does technically comply with the requirement to identify a time in writing that's agreed to in person during which in the next forty-eight (48) hours cremation will occur. However, on this particular form for this particular funeral home, there was no such language on the form. And so that's the reason for the allegation in this case.

Mr. Jensen – That was my main question, Madam Chair. Was there language on the form? So yes, if they're not subscribing to the proper cremation that I would have to agree with the Department.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to accept the Settlement Stipulation which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$1,000, and Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for six (6) months. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Wiener?

Ms. Wiener – I would simply add that they certainly are using the right forms now because that location is no longer owned by them and is owned by a Board member.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Wiener. We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on the motion? Hearing none. All in favor the motion say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Opposed say No. The motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Wiener.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

(b) Lewis, Rhonda Ranae: DFS Case No. 347312-25-FC; Division No. ATN-45509 (F077959)

Ms. Simon – Is Ms. Lewis or a representative of Ms. Lewis on the call today?

Ms. Rhonda Lewis – Rhonda Lewis is here. Can you hear me?

Ms. Simon – Yes, we can, ma'am.

Ms. Lewis – Ok, I will mute.

Ms. Simon – Representing the Department is Ms. Marshall.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Rhonda Ranae Lewis ("Respondent") is a preneed sales agent holding license number F077959. At all times material to the allegations in this case, Respondent was employed as a preneed sales agent by Smith Funeral Home, a licensed funeral establishment, apprentice/intern training agency, and preneed main holding license number F041906. The Department conducted an inspection of Respondent and alleges as follows: Respondent was appointed as a preneed sales agent by Smith Funeral Home on February 12, 2020. Respondent's appointment expired on February 28, 2022,

and was not renewed until May 21, 2025. In the intervening time, Respondent continued to enter into preneed funeral arrangements on the establishment's behalf. Respondent has entered into a proposed Settlement Stipulation, which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$1,000, and Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for one (1) year. The Department requests that the Board accept this Settlement Stipulation as resolution of this matter and I'm here for questions. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you Ms. Marshall. Ms. Lewis, if you would like to address the Board we would need to swear you in ma'am. Ms. Lewis, would you like to address the Board?

Ms. Lewis – No, {inaudible} Ms. Marshall.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Lewis will you need to address the Board members, ma'am? Ms. Lewis?

Ms. Lewis – No.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Board members, what is your pleasure?

Mr. Jensen – Question, Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Jensen – Ms. Marshall, in holding to our \$250 a month for a licensee forgetting to renew, how do you arrive at \$1000? Were there extenuating circumstances that we're not aware of?

Ms. Marshall – So the \$250 a month guideline is for expired licenses. This is an expired appointment, which her license remained active that whole time. It was simply the appointment to the establishment that was delinquent.

Mr. Jensen – Okay, I see. I'm clear now. Madam Chair.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to accept the Settlement Stipulation which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$1,000, and Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for one (1) year. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Lewis. Thank you, Ms. Marshall.

(c) Related Cases - Division No. 46063

1. Duvigneaud, Fritz Gerald: DFS Case No. 351257-25-FC; Division No. ATN-46063 (F023251)

Ms. Simon – Is Mr. Duvigneaud or a representative of Mr. Duvigneaud on the call today? Hearing no response. Presenting for the Department is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. Fritz Gerald Duvigneaud ("Respondent") is a funeral director and embalmer, licensed under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes, license number F023251. The Department conducted an investigation of Respondent and found that Respondent aided and abetted unlicensed activity and failed to fulfill a contractual obligation. Respondent has entered into a proposed Settlement Stipulation, which provides that Respondent shall pay a \$3,500 fine and be subject to two (2) years of probation. The Department requests that the Board accept this Settlement Stipulation.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to accept the Settlement Stipulation which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$3,500, and Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for two (2) years. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Is there any discussion on the motion? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, question for Mr. Caracci. What are the guidelines for this offense, Mr. Caracci?

Mr. Caracci – I would have to pull them up. Let's see. I believe I had them in my email. If it's because the settlement is a little higher than usual, it's because there was prior discipline.

Mr. Jensen – Well, actually, I don't think it's high enough if it if it was found that they aided and abetted, so they knew about it. So actually, I'm kind of on the other direction. That's why I was wondering about the guidelines.

Mr. Caracci – At long last, I do have the guidelines. Okay, for aiding and abetting unlicensed activity, the guidelines of a second offense are \$2,500 to \$5,000 plus costs and probation for up to two (2) years. And for not timely entering the contract, of which there was no prior offense, it can go as low as a reprimand, but it can also be a \$500 to \$1,000 fine.

Chair Peeples – And also, Mr. Jensen, this is a Settlement Stipulation that the Respondent has agreed to, so we can disregard that Settlement Stipulation and then we can propose another penalty or penalty guidelines. Is that correct, Ms. Aikens?

Mr. Jensen – Thank you, Madam Chair. With that in mind, I do believe this is a bigger issue in our industry, and the problem here is that they knew that there was an issue, and sometimes this can happen without someone knowing, but I guess they're admitting by accepting some sort of Settlement Stipulation that they knew this was going on. So, my friendly amendment to the motion would be to make it a \$5,000 fine and two (2) years of probation.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Aikens, with the proposal by Mr. Jensen, we already have a motion, and a second would we have to withdraw that original motion and then make a new motion by Mr. Jensen?

Ms. Aikens – So you can take a vote on that motion since there already is a motion, but if the Board member who made that first motion wants to rescind that motion, Mr. Jensen can reject the settlement agreement and then make a counteroffer.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. So, Ms. Liotta, you made the original motion to accept Settlement Stipulation and the guidelines contained therein, and Mr. Jones was second. Would you like to rescind, or would you like us to take a vote on your motion, Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – I'd like to take a vote.

Chair Peeples – So, we have a motion, and we have a second to accept the Settlement Stipulation. All in favor of the motion say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Let's do this real quick Ms. Simon, can we do a roll call vote on this one, please ma'am?

Ms. Simon – Yes ma'am. All in favor of the motion answer by saying Yay. Mr. Clark?

Mr. Clark – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Quinn?

Mr. Quinn – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Ms. Clay?

Ms. Clay – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – No.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – No.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Jones?

Mr. Jones – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Williams?

Chair Peeples – Ms. Williams is recused.

Ms. Simon – Okay. And Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes.

Ms. Simon – And that motion passes.

Chair Peeples – Thank you.

2. Emmanuel Funeral Homes Inc; DFS Case No. 351256-25-FC; Division No. ATN-46063 (F023251)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. Presenting for the Department is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. Emmanuel Funeral Homes Inc (“Respondent”) is a funeral establishment, licensed under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes, license number F535712. The Department conducted an investigation of Respondent and found that Respondent’s aided and abetted unlicensed activity and failed to fulfill a contractual obligation. Respondent has entered into a proposed Settlement Stipulation, which provides that Respondent shall pay a \$2,250 fine and be subject to one (1) year of probation. The Department requests that the Board accept this Settlement Stipulation.

Chair Peeples – Board members?

Mr. Jensen – Question, Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – So, if I were to say that a different Settlement Stipulation does that mean we have to I hear it again?

Chair Peeples – Ms. Aikens can correct me, but my understanding is we'd have to reject the Settlement Stipulation offer and you would come back, and you would make a new proposal then the Department would go back to the Respondent to see if agreed, and then it would come back to us, the Board. Is that correct Ms. Aikens?

Ms. Aikens – Yes.

Chair Peeples – The Respondent has already agreed through the Department for the acceptance of the Settlement Stipulation, which these are companion cases.

Mr. Jensen – Yes, ma’am, I do understand that. I just think that the Department should have bigger fines here, especially for the owners of the locations that knowingly do this. But in the interest of saving time and to not disrespect the Department's

purview this, I would make a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to accept the Settlement Stipulation which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$2,250, and Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for one (1) year. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you.

(d) Related Cases - Division No. ATN-43651

1. Johnson-Rahming, Peggy: DFS Case No. 334986-24-FC; Division No. ATN-43651 (F043590)

Ms. Simon – Is Ms. Johnson-Rahming or a representative of Ms. Johnson-Rahming on the call today?

Ms. Lauren Pettine – Lauren Pettine here for Ms. Peggy Johnson-Rahming.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Ms. Pettine. Presenting for the Department is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. Peggy Johnson-Rahming ("Respondent") is a funeral director and embalmer, licensed under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes, license number F043590. The Department conducted an investigation of Respondent and found that Respondent aided and abetted unlicensed activity. Respondent has entered into a proposed Settlement Stipulation, which provides that Respondent shall pay a \$750 fine. The Department requests that the Board accept this Settlement Stipulation.

Chair Peeples – Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to accept the Settlement Stipulation which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$750. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Pettine.

Ms. Pettine – Thank you.

2. Peggy J Johnson Funeral & Cremation Services: DFS Case No. 334985-24-FC; Division No. ATN-43651 (F721166)

Ms. Simon – Representing the licensee is Ms. Pettine and representing the Department is Mr. Caracci.

Mr. Caracci – Thank you. Peggy J Johnson Funeral & Cremation Services ("Respondent") is a funeral establishment, licensed under Chapter 497, Florida Statutes, license number F721166. The Department conducted an investigation of Respondent and found that Respondent aided and abetted unlicensed activity. Respondent has entered into a proposed Settlement Stipulation, which provides that Respondent shall pay a \$750 fine. The Department requests that the Board accept this Settlement Stipulation.

Chair Peeples – Thank you Mr. Caracci. Ms. Pettine, for questions?

Ms. Pettine – Only if you have any questions. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to accept the Settlement Stipulation which provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$750. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Since we have completed agenda item E, which is the Discipline, let's take a 10-minute restroom break. I have 11:35, so we'll come back at 11:45. Thank you.

*****BREAK*****

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon, I think that we can resume to agenda, item F, please.

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Earlier in our meeting, I recused myself from a vote. The reason I did that was because that individual works with me as a staff member. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir. We appreciate the clarification, Mr. Ferreira. Ms. Simon?

F. Application(s) for Preneed Sales Agent

(1) Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum A

Ms. Simon – This is an informational item pertaining to Section 497.466, Florida statutes. The applicants on Addendum A have been issued their licenses and appointments as preneed sales agents.

G. Application(s) for Continuing Education

(1) Course Approval - Recommended for Approval without Conditions – Addendum B

- (a) Cremation Association of North America (16008)**
- (b) International Cemetery, Crematory and Funeral Association (51609)**
- (c) Jennifer Lares (57208)**
- (d) Kates-Boylston (60409)**
- (e) National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc. (59608)**
- (f) National Funeral Directors Association (49609)**
- (g) The Independent Funeral Group (55808)**
- (h) WebCE (43)**
- (i) Wilbert Funeral Services (39408)**

Ms. Simon – The course presented on Addendum B has been reviewed by the CE Committee, and the Committee as well as the Division recommends approval for the number of hours so indicated.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the applications. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Please let the record reflect we do not see Mr. Quinn on camera, so I'm not sure if he voted on this motion.

Mr. Quinn – I am here. I'm having a challenge with my camera. I'm sorry, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Thank you, Mr. Quinn. We appreciate that. Ms. Simon?

H. Consumer Protection Trust Fund Claims

(1) Recommended for Approval without Conditions – Addendum C

Ms. Simon – The CPTF claims presented on Addendum C have been reviewed by the Division and the Division recommends approval for the monetary amounts indicated.

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, ma’am. I am on this addendum. Should I recuse myself or should I just say that I will vote in a fair and honorable way?

Chair Peeples – Whatever you prefer, Mr. Ferreira.

Mr. Ferreira – I will vote in a fair and honorable way.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Clark moved to approve all the claim(s), for the monetary amounts indicated. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

I. Application(s) for Embalmer Apprentice

(1) Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum D

(a) Craig, Monique T F951060

(b) Williams, Andre J F951059

Ms. Simon – This is an informational item. Pursuant to Rule 69K–1.005, F. A. C., the Division has previously approved the application listed on Addendum D.

J. Application(s) for Florida Laws and Rules Examination

(1) Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum E

(a) Direct Disposer

1. Lewis, Louvenia M (License No.: F607455)

(b) Funeral Director (Internship)

1. Bastanzi, Jacqueline

2. Torres, Roxann

3. Crawford, Robin L

(c) Funeral Director and Embalmer (Endorsement)

1. Cole, Tiffany D

2. Lopez-Ortiz, Glorinette

3. Owens, Kelly D

4. Shanks, Michael W

5. Taylor-Gosell, Ashley

(d) Funeral Director and Embalmer (Internship and Exam)

1. Brackney, Amber

2. Chauvin, Anthony J

3. Cox, Donovan D

4. Cox, Rachel A

5. Kaufman, Chellsy B

6. Iverson, Jessica

7. Lewis, Rhonda L

8. McFadden, Tracy K

9. Mello, Maximilian L

Ms. Simon – This is an informational item. Pursuant to Rule 69K–1.005, F. A. C., the Division has previously approved the application listed on Addendum E.

(2) Recommended for Denial (Criminal History)

(a) Funeral Director (Endorsement)

1. *Skinner, Daniel*

Ms. Simon – The application was withdrawn from the agenda.

K. **Application(s) for Internship**

(1) **Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum F**

(a) **Embalmer Intern**

1. *Rossy, Amanda L F338909*

(b) **Funeral Director**

1. *Rhonda C. Spivey F950462*

(c) **Funeral Director & Embalmer (Concurrent)**

1. *Burke, Jessica E F956879*
2. *Charles, Jamyah Y F950477*
3. *DeLarge-Jackson, Johari S F890400*
4. *Jackmore, Gianna M F952208*
5. *King, Cendra M F956865*
6. *Loring, Mahala L F669527*
7. *Magoon, Kathleen M F865605*
8. *Obert, Colby A F947967*
9. *Sylvester, Aaliyah M F950478*
10. *Walker, Sha'Cora J F956880*

Ms. Simon – This is an informational item. Pursuant to Rule 69K-1.005, F. A. C., the Division has previously approved the application listed on Addendum F.

(2) **Recommended for Approval without Conditions**

(a) **Request to Renew Internship**

1. **Funeral Director & Embalmer (Concurrent)**

a. *Towriss, Lauren B F850778*

Ms. Simon – An application to renew the concurrent internship license due to illness, hardship, or awaiting results was received by the Division on May 27, 2026. The application was deemed completed once reviewed and processed. The applicant was licensed as a concurrent intern pursuant to 69K-18.003 (6), Florida Administrative Code, which only permits one internship in a lifetime. Ms. Towriss concurrent intern license expired on April 8, 2026. The application to renew was not received timely enough for the Division to recommend approval. Accordingly, the Division recommends denial pursuant to Rule 69K-18.003(6), Florida Administrative Code, which requires that an application to renew an internship be filed prior to the expiration of the initial internship. If the Board will take note, the recommendation should have been checked off denial.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Is Ms. Lauren Towriss a part of the meeting today?

Ms. Lauren Towriss – Yes, ma'am. Good morning, everyone.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Would you please allow Ms. Simon to swear you in for some questions by the Board members, please ma'am?

Ms. Towriss – Sure give me one moment.

Ms. Simon – Please raise your right hand to be sworn in.

Ms. Towriss – Yes ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Towriss – Yes.

Ms. Simon – You can lower your hand. Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Ms. Towriss – Lauren Towriss, T-O-W-R-I-S-S.

Chair Peeples – Thank you ma'am. We appreciate you participating in the meeting today. Would you like to address the Board with any comments and then we will see if Board members have questions for you ma'am?

Ms. Towriss – First I just want to thank the Board for your time and consideration today. At this moment, if I could, I would like to renew that intern license as I have gained a new training facility that is willing to work with me moving forward as far as awaiting test results and working with me through my hardships.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. We appreciate that. Board members, do you have questions for Ms. Towriss? And if you would, please ma'am, how would you pronounce your last name?

Ms. Towriss – Towriss.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. I appreciate that. Board members, do you have questions for Ms. Towriss? Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, ma'am. What test have you taken?

Ms. Towriss – I passed my Arts, on the 18th, last Thursday. Next is Science, and then the Florida Law.

Mr. Ferreira – And how long have you been out of School?

Ms. Towriss – I graduated last July.

Mr. Ferreira – So a year?

Ms. Towriss – Yes, sir.

Mr. Ferreira – May I?

Chair Peeples – Go ahead Mr. Ferreira.

Mr. Ferreira – When do you plan on taking the Science part?

Ms. Towriss – I would like to in the next couple weeks. That's my goal.

Mr. Ferreira – Okay. That's it.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Mr. Jensen, did you have a question, sir?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, ma'am. Question for Ms. Simon. She kind of cut out on my end right at the end. Did I hear her correctly in saying the Department recommendation is for denial and not approval? Is that correct?

Ms. Simon – Yes, sir, the written word of the cover sheet is correct that the Division is recommending denial.

Mr. Jensen – On my cover sheet, the Division's recommendation says approval, so that's why I'm confused.

Ms. Simon – And the paragraph above that says denial and I mentioned that it was a mistake. It should have been checked off denial, not approval.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, not putting words in Ms. Simon's mouth, but I think what has been previous Division recommendations is because the statute rule only called for one internship in a lifetime. I think that's the reason why the denial was recommended, which we kind of take these situations per case. Do you have any questions for Ms. Towriss, sir?

Mr. Jensen – No questions, just a statement. I wish her all the best of luck.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to approve the application. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Good luck, ma'am.

Ms. Towriss – Thank you all so much.

Chair Peeples – You're welcome. Ms. Simon?

L. Application(s) for Registration as a Training Facility

(1) Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum G

- (a) Carriage Funeral Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Osceola Memory Gardens F896840 (Kissimmee)*
- (b) Carriage Funeral Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Homes & Crematory F896837 (Kissimmee)*
- (c) Evans Funeral Services, LLC d/b/a Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City F822025 (Cross City)*
- (d) FSC Funeral Service Consulting, LLC d/b/a St. Petersburg Funeral Home Memorial Chapel F824149 (St. Petersburg)*

Ms. Simon – This is an informational item. The Division has reviewed the applications on Addendum G and have found them to be complete and that the applicants have met the requirements to be a training agency. Pursuant to Rule 69K-1.005, Florida Administrative Code, the Division has previously approved these applications.

M. Notification(s) of Change in Location

(1) Informational Item – Addendum H

- (a) Charles A. Lewis, Jr., Inc. d/b/a Charles A. Lewis Funeral Home F041842 (Winter Haven)*
- (b) DeBarris L. James Funeral Home and Cremation Service, LLC F837741 (Pompano Beach)*

Ms. Simon – This is an informational item. However, Charles A. Lewis Jr. Inc. has withdrawn its request for change of location. The other establishment listed on Addendum H has applied for a change of location of its business. The only criteria for approval is that the new location pass inspection by the Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services.

N. Application(s) for Direct Disposal Establishment

(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

- (a) Rosen Cremations, LLC (Haines City)*

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. A new application for a direct disposer licensure was received on April 6, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on May 22, 2026. The FDIC will be (F042695) Mr. Thomas J. Limber, Jr. A background check of the principals, Ms. Esther M. Hirneisen and Mr. Paul Hirneisen, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff.

Chair Peeples – Board Members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- (b) South Florida Crematory, LLC d/b/a Atlantis Simple Cremations (West Palm Beach)*

Ms. Simon – A new application for a direct disposer licensure was received on May 19, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on June 2, 2026. The FDIC will be (F042556) Ms. Nelsey Gonzalez Hernandez. A background check of the principal(s), Ms. Kila K. Crucet and Ms. Iberia J. Ajo, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval, subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Division staff. Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response.

Chair Peeples – Board Members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- (2) *Recommended for Approval without Conditions*
 - (a) *Wolf Funeral Services, Inc. d/b/a Simple Cremation (Lakeland)*

Ms. Simon – A new application for a funeral establishment licensure was received on March 26, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on April 8, 2026. The FDIC will be Ms. Katherine L. Gordon (F308286). A background check of the principals, Ms. Katherine L. Gordon, Ms. Cynthia A. Wolf and Mr. David W. Wolf, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. Establishment passed its inspection on May 22, 2026. The Division recommends approval.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon, may we ask if there's a representative for this entity on the call today?

Ms. Simon – Yes, ma'am. Is there a representative of Wolf Funeral Services incorporated on the call? Hearing no response, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – Board Members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Clark moved to approve the application. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- O. **Application(s) for Funeral Establishment**
 - (1) *Recommended for Approval with Conditions*
 - (a) *Clearview Cremation LLC (Boca Raton)*

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. A new application for a funeral establishment licensure was received on May 26, 2026. The application was completed on this same date. The FDIC (F770278) Ms. Molina A. Alvarez. A background check of the principals, Mr. Lorenzo M. Frati and Mr. Jenson Carlgren, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff.

Chair Peeples – Board Members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- P. **Application(s) for Preneed Main**
 - (1) *Recommended for Approval without Conditions*
 - (a) *A Affordable Cremations LLC (Pace)*

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the today?

Mr. Timothy Frank – Yes ma'am. This is Tim Frank.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir. The Department received an application for a new preneed license on March 31, 2026, and deficiencies were noted. All deficiencies were resolved as of April 16, 2026. The sole owner and member of the LLC is Timothy Frank. A complete background check of the principal was returned to the Division without criminal history. Applicant obtained its qualifying direct disposal establishment license as of November 17, 2025, under license # F907392 at the above listed location. If approved, Applicant will sell insurance-funded preneed through National Guardian Life Insurance Company (NGL) and utilize their approved pre-funded funeral agreement forms. The Division recommends approval.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Mr. Frank, thank you for participating today. And if you would like to address the Board, we would need to swear you in. Or would you like to wait to see if any questions arise?

Mr. Frank – Just question's ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Board Members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Frank. Good luck.

Mr. Frank – Thank you, Board for your help.

(b) *Compassion Funeral Chapel LLC (Ft Lauderdale)*

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, Wendy Wiener.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Ms. Wiener. The Department received an application for a preneed license on May 21, 2026, with no deficiencies noted on the application. The sole member and owner of this LLC is Herman Exilus. A completed background check of the principal was returned to the Division without criminal history. Applicant is submitting a new application for preneed licensure, and the qualifying funeral establishment license was issued as of April 30, 2026 (# F946859) is also located at the above address. If approved, Applicant will sell trust-funded preneed through Funeral Services Inc (FSI) and utilize their approved pre-arranged funeral agreement forms. Applicant's principal, Hermin Exilus, disclosed that he filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in 2011. The bankruptcy was discharged as of June 20, 2011, by the Southern District Court of Florida (please see attached documentation). This was a personal bankruptcy action that occurred more than fifteen (15) years ago and has been discharged with all debts having been fully satisfied. The Division recommends approval.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Ms. Wiener, are you here for questions only ma'am?

Ms. Wiener – I am. I just want to note, I've got a big pink bar across the top of my screen that says the organizer is experiencing technical difficulties unless the organizer rejoins, the session will end soon. Otherwise, I have no comment or question. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Yes ma'am. Thank you, Ms. Wiener. And Ms. Simon, would you check with Ms. Bryant please to see where we are? We'll kind of place things on hold until you get a reply for us.

Ms. Schwantes – Madam Chair, Ms. Bryant is in my office. She is going to try to rejoin on her phone or look into it. So, if we could go on pause for a little bit, we'll try to get back up. I don't know why we're having so many difficulties today, but it would be today, right?

Chair Peeples – Thank you. I'm very happy the issue's not on my end.

{Pause for technical issues}

Ms. Simon – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am?

Ms. Simon – May I continue with the meeting?

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Williams needed to step off. Moving on.

Chair Peeples – Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Wiener.

(c) Graceland Funeral Home & Cremation Services LLC d/b/a Funeraria Graceland, Graceland Funeral Home (Miami)

Ms. Simon – Ms. Wiener is representing this entity.

Ms. Wiener – Yes.

Ms. Simon – The Department received an application for a new preneed license on April 16, 2026, with no deficiencies noted. The sole owner and member of the LLC is Felipe Caballero, and a complete background check of the principal was returned to the Division without criminal history. Applicant obtained its qualifying funeral establishment license as of November 6, 2025, under license #F919054 at the above listed location. If approved, Applicant will sell trust-funded preneed through Funeral Services Inc (FSI) and utilize their approved pre-arranged funeral agreement forms. The Division recommends approval.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Wiener, questions only?

Ms. Wiener – Yes ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Wiener.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

Q. Application(s) for Preneed Main Renewals
(I) Recommended for Approval without Conditions – Addendum I

Ms. Simon – At this point, it may be appropriate for any members of the Board to recuse themselves on their personal items regarding preneed main renewals based on their corporation.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon, this is Chair Peeples. I would like to recuse myself. Our corporation is listed and recommended for approval as Peoples Funeral Services Inc. Are there any other Board members to follow suit? Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes ma'am. I would also like to state that I am on this part of the meeting, and I will vote in an honorable way.

Chair Peeples – And if I may, thank you, Mr. Ferreira, as I'm not going to recuse myself, but I will vote in an honorable manner also. And Mr. Jensen, do you have any affiliation, sir?

Mr. Jensen – Ma'am, I would echo what you said, that I am affiliated with some entities on this form, but I will vote in a fair and impartial way. Thank you.

Ms. Aikens – Madam Chair, before we begin, I just want to get some verification. Are these your personal businesses where a decision will affect any personal monetary personal business monetary gain or influence?

Chair Peeples – Ms. Aikens to answer, excuse me, for me, it is my business, and we do accept and we'll profitability for our business. So, we are one of the items on this agenda item. So, I just want to make it for the record that I was affiliated with our corporation, Peeples Funeral Services, Inc.

Ms. Aikens – So, I would advise anyone that has, whether the decision would impact or will have a financial gain for you, I would advise anyone to not vote on that action item.

Chair Peeples – Well, if we do, we won't have a quorum, because myself, Mr. Ferreira, Mr. Jensen... Ms. Schwantes?

Ms. Schwantes – Yes ma'am. In the past, Board members have indicated which ones they could not vote for, but voted for what was that last one? Board members have indicated which companies they could not vote on and voted on the remainder of the companies. And in that way, we were able to have enough Board members for forum.

Chair Peeples – So Ms. Aikens, as Ms. Schwantes just stated, I've made an affiliation with our company People's Funeral Services Inc., and I will not be voting on that particular, which is listed on Addendum I. So, Mr. Ferreira needs to state his companies, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Clark, Mr. Quinn, if it pertains to them. If that's okay.

Ms. Aikens – Yes.

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I, <u>Jill E. Peeples</u> , hereby disclose that on <u>June 25</u> , 20 <u>26</u> :	
(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more): ☒ Inured to my special private gain or loss; ☐ Inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate; ☐ Inured to the special gain or loss of my relative; ☐ Inured to the special gain or loss of _____ by whom I am retained; or ☐ Inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal which has retained me.	
(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows: I have a financial interest in our family firm, Peeples Funeral Services, Inc. who is listed for PreNeed Main Renewal under agenda item Q.1 (Addendum I) and this agenda item was reviewed and voted on June 25, 2026 during the video conference meeting of the Board of Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services.	
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July 1, 2026 Date Filed	<u>Jill E. Peeples</u> Signature
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Chair Peebles – Mr. Ferrera?

Mr. Ferreira – So yes, ma'am. I represent Ferreira Enterprises and Ferreira Funeral Services.

FORM 8A MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR STATE OFFICERS	
LAST NAME – FIRST NAME & MIDDLE NAME FERRERA VINCENT JORD	
PART OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE FERRERA VINCENT JORD	
MAILING ADDRESS 102 GIPSON DR.	
CITY MACLENNAN FL.	COUNTY DALLAS
DATE OF DISCLOSURE JUNE 25, 2026	
MY POSITION IS ☒ ELECTIVE ☐ APPOINTIVE	

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VINCENT JORD FERRERA hereby discloses that on **JUNE 25**, 2026.

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more):

- ☒ inured to my special private gain or loss.
- ☒ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, **VALLETTE JENSEN**.
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative.
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of whom I am retained, or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal which has retained me.

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- I REUSE MYSELF FROM A VOTE BECAUSE THE PERSON BEING VOTED ON WAS AND IS AN EMPLOYEE OF OUR BUSINESS.

- A VOTE WAS TAKEN FOR RENEWAL OF PRENEED LIC. AN MY COMPANY WAS UP FOR RENEWAL.

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JULY 3, 2026

Date Filed

Vincent J. Ferrera

Signature

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Chair Peebles – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – I'm affiliated with Capstone.

Chair Peebles – Mr. Clark?

Mr. Clark – Yes, I'm affiliated with Carriage Florida Holdings but can vote on all other matters.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Mr. Quinn?

Mr. Quinn – As I stated earlier, I'm affiliated with SCI Funeral Services of Florida.

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LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME QUINN II, WILLIAM EDWARD		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE FUNERAL, CEMETERY AND CONSUMER SERVICES	
MAILING ADDRESS 596 SCRUBJAY DR.,		NAME OF STATE AGENCY	
CITY JUPITER	COUNTY PALM BEACH	MY POSITION IS: ☐ ELECTIVE ☒ APPOINTEE	
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I, WILLIAM E. QUINN II, hereby disclose that on JUNE 25, 2026:

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- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative;
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Date Filed: 7/3/2026 Signature: [Signature]

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Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. So, we have agenda item Q(1) recommended for approval by the Division. What would be the Board's pleasure?

Ms. Simon – If I may?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Just to be specific, the Division recommends that the preneed main licensees listed on Addendum I have the preneed licenses renewed effective July 1, 2026, and this is based upon meeting the minimum net worth requirements for renewal.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the applications. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Yes now we are moving on to the preneed main renewals.

- (2) *Recommended for Approval with Conditions*
 (a) *Reference Guide – 69K-5.0016*
 (b) *American Burial & Cremation Services (F021931) (Punta Gorda)*

Ms. Simon – Ms. Simon – In this matter, the licensee has demonstrated a net worth of approximately \$54,000. However, the required net worth is \$100,000. As a result, the applicant has come up with alternatives, and the FCCS Division recommends that the Board approve renewal subject to said condition(s):

- 1) That Licensee provide quarterly financial statements to the Division during the licensure period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. and

2) That Licensee provide a written letter of explanation of past financial activity within thirty (30) days of this Board meeting

Chair Peeples – Board members? Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – Yes, I also wanted to note that I had a question on the financial statements as they were given to us. I did not see any depreciation expense reported, which would reduce the net worth even further. I don't know if there's anybody on the line that can answer to that, but I would say that going forward, I would request that they make sure that their financials are complete.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Liotta. Is there a representative of the entity, American Burial and Cremation Service Incorporated in Punta Gorda, Florida, on the call today?

Ms. Carolyn Johnson – Yes, Madam Chair. We have Eric and Carolyn Johnson present.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. If you would please allow Ms. Simon to swear you in so the question can be answered to Board member Liotta.

Ms. Simon – Please raise your right hands. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Eric Johnson – Yes.

Ms. Johnson – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Please state your names and spell your last names for the record.

Mr. Johnson – Eric Johnson, J-O-H-N-S-O-N.

Ms. Johnson – Carolyn Johnson, J-O-H-N-S-O-N.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, folks. We appreciate that. Would you be able to answer the question by Board Member Liotta?

Mr. Johnson – At this time, our accountant has requested an extension of our taxes, so they have not done the depreciation. They're the one that handles that. So, once we've filed, we can provide an updated.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – Yes, that's fine, but I'm sure they can provide you with an estimate. And so, I would recommend going forward to not completely leaving it out, but to use the best estimate available as this can impact net worth quite a bit. In this case, because you're already coming up with other alternatives, I'm not very concerned with it, but I would just please request that the financial statements be as complete as possible. So just ignoring depreciation, I would say it's not appropriate. You're better off to put in a good estimate.

Mr. Johnson – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Liotta. So, what is the Board's pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. and Ms. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson – Thank you.

Ms. Johnson – Thank you.

(c) Americare Funeral Services LLC (F516747) (Quincy)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today?

Ms. Sarah Taylor – Yes ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Thank you. This licensee reported a net worth of \$24,823 on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025, calendar year end. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$100,000. The licensee provided net worth alternatives. The FCCS Division recommends that the Board approve renewal subject to the condition that the Licensee trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Who is on the call today representing the entity, Americare Funeral Services Inc?

Ms. Taylor – Sarah Taylor.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, for attending the Board meeting. Are you here for questions only?

Ms. Taylor – I'm just here for questions only.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the licensee trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you Ms. Taylor.

Ms. Taylor – Thank you.

(d) Bay Area Family Funeral Services Inc (F019179) (Tampa)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today?

Ms. Tiffany Larson – Yes ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, ma'am. Licensee's current renewal application package was received by the FCCS Division on or about April 1, 2026, except for the R2A Balance Sheet, R3A Renewal Statement and a completed Form R4. On May 26, 2026, FCCS Division emailed a deficiency notice to licensee, advising of the above deficiencies. As of today's date, the FCCS Division has not received the requested documentation. The licensee has not yet documented that it meets the net worth requirement for renewal. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, but the renewed license is suspended effective upon renewal, and shall remain suspended until the licensee satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) That Licensee provides the Division with a balance sheet in compliance with GAAP for its most recent fiscal year end (Form R2A), completed Form(s) R3A renewal statement and Form R4 as required by the renewal application within thirty (30) days from the date of this Board Meeting.
- 2) That Licensee has demonstrated that it meets the minimum net worth requirement for renewal.

The Division recommends these be conditions before the suspension is lifted.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Who is representing this entity?

Ms. Larson – This is Tiffany Larson.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Larson. Ms. Liotta, do you have any questions for Ms. Larson? Do we need to swear her in?

Ms. Liotta – Not at this point because I don't really have anything to look at.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Thank you, ma'am. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you Ms. Larson.

Ms. Larson – Thank you.

(e) Michael D Smith LFD LLC (F019344) (Bartow)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee reported a net worth of \$17,680 on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$40,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the Board approve renewal subject to the following conditions:

- 1) that the licensee provide a letter of explanation the past financial activity credit report of entity or its principles and most current examination report by the Department within thirty (30) days of this Board meeting; and
- 2) that the licensee trust 100% of proceeds received on the sale of pre-meet contracts or utilizes insurance funded only contracts.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(f) Buggs Funeral Home Inc (F019365) (Melbourne)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity today on the phone?

Mr. Bruce Buggs – Yes, ma'am. This is Bruce Buggs.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Mr. Buggs. The licensee's annual PNL financial (Forms R2A and R2B) and renewal statements (Forms R3A and R3B) were due to be filed with Division by no later than April 1, 2026. The forms were received by the Division on May 27, 2026, and were thus fifty-six (56) days late, which indicates a late fee due in the amount of \$1,000. The licensee submitted \$400 of the required late fee as of June 16, 2026. Therefore, the total amount of late fees due is \$600. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, subject to payment of the remaining amount due of \$600.00 for the late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Mr. Buggs, are you here for questions only sir?

Mr. Buggs – Yes and no.

Chair Peeples – Okay. We'll have Ms. Simon swear you in.

Ms. Simon – Please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Buggs – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Mr. Buggs – Bruce Buggs, B-U-G-G-S.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Buggs. Ms. Liotta, do you have a question for Mr. Buggs?

Ms. Liotta – Yes, I do. I was looking through their financial statements, and there's a couple of things on there that I'm confused by, which leads me to believe that the net worth reported may not be correct, but I don't know. Basically, the three (3) things I see are there's a large amount of negative liabilities indicated in the liability section, which doesn't make any sense to me. That's a very large number. It's \$668,000. There's also an adjustment in the retained earnings section, that is \$328,000, that I just wanted some explanation on. And lastly, again, I do not see appreciation expense on the income statement.

Mr. Buggs – Okay, can I speak now?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir, please.

Mr. Buggs – Okay. Yes, unfortunately, we've experienced a serious problem with our accountant that has a serious medical condition. We learned that he had a stroke and he's also experiencing Parkinson. So, we think that some of the reporting of some of the numbers that he may have put in the wrong place. So, we're also in the process of attaining a new accountant, and whatever the Board require of us, you know, we'll do that. We hope that the Board will consider our longevity with writing preneed and the clear record that we have. So, whatever we need to do, we'll do that. And then in addition to that I miscalculated the late fee so after that we learned that the late fee was miscalculated. We did go ahead and send the other six hundred dollars in as a late fee on June the 10th, and the check did clear.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Buggs. Ms. Simon, can you verify that information through the Division office that Mr. Buggs, his entity, has submitted a \$600 late fee as he indicated the check has cleared his bank?

Ms. Simon – We will look into that matter, but if we can please have that listed as a condition and if he has paid, the condition is taken off.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – Yes. So, I was going to recommend with conditions, and I want to add the condition, in addition to making sure that he made this \$600 payment, to provide correct financial statements as well, and if the net worth is met to come with [inaudible].

Chair Peeples – Is that a motion, ma'am?

Ms. Liotta – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Simon

Ms. Simon – Yes, bearing that in mind, if we can make it that the suspension remains stayed as long as the updated financials and the \$600 are paid. If they are not paid and the financials aren't received by the 60th day, then the suspension will take effect until such time as they are received.

Chair Peeples – Board members, what would be your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to corrected financial statements and payment of the remaining amount due of \$600.00 for the late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed

shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Ferreira, you had a question, sir?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, I've changed CPAs before, and I'm not sure sixty (60) days is enough to find a new CPA and have them do this report. How do you feel, Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – That's a good question. I would think that once they do find a CPA, this could be resolved quickly, but, you know, I haven't looked for a CPA myself in years, so I don't know how hard it is to find one. But if we feel like it's appropriate to add on more time, I'm okay with that. I just want to make sure that the net worth is correct.

Mr. Ferreira – Can we give him maybe another sixty (60) days?

Ms. Liotta – I'm fine with that. So, 120 days?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes ma'am.

Ms. Liotta – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Liotta that would be an amended motion is that correct?

Ms. Liotta – That's correct.

Chair Peeples – And Mr. Ferreira, you accept the amended motion?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – I was just going to say as a recommendation though you could reach out to a temp service that just has short-term CPAs available that would be able to resolve this fairly quickly. That's just a recommendation, but it's not part of the motion.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Liotta. We appreciate that. We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Yes, ma'am. For Ms. Aiken's purposes, if I can confirm what the motion is? The motion is that the application for renewal be granted and that the applicant be placed on suspension and the conditions of suspension are that the applicant pays \$600 and submit corrected financials within 120 days. If the payment of \$600 and the financials are received by the 120th day, then the suspension shall not take effect. If they are not received by then, the suspension will take effect until such time as those conditions are met.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am. We have a motion, and we have a second. Any discussion or questions for Mr. Buggs? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Not a question for Mr. Buggs. I got one from Ms. Liotta. Just something I'm curious about. On Page 7 here of the Income Statement, the independent contractor amount really sticks out to me. Is that normally something you see?

Ms. Liotta – Hold on a second, let me get to Page 7. Different businesses have different levels of employment versus independent contractors. So, it's large, but if they really do outsource majority of their services to third parties, it's not necessarily unheard of.

Mr. Jensen – Oh, okay, so that could technically be not necessarily contract employees, it could be a contractor like a crematory or something else. Okay. Got it. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chair Peeples – Thank you Mr. Jensen. Any other discussion? All in favor of the motion say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed say No. The motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Buggs.

Mr. Buggs – Thank you so much.

(g) Compassionate Cremation and Memorials LLC (F462665) (Tampa)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today?

Mr. Ron Stinsman – Yes, Board.

Ms. Simon – Thank you. For this past year, the licensee reported a net worth of \$28,079. However, the required minimum net worth for renewal is \$40,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the license shall be renewed subject to said condition that Licensee will trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Who is representing Compassionate Cremation and Memorials LLC?

Mr. Stinsman – Ron Stinsman.

Chair Peeples – Are you here for questions only or are you here to address the Board?

Mr. Stinsman – Whatever is needed.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Ms. Liotta, do you have any questions? Do we need to swear him in? If you do, we need to swear him in, ma'am.

Ms. Liotta – I don't think so. It's not for him.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Liotta – Yes, I didn't see an income statement in the package. I only saw the balance sheet. So, I think in order to have a complete package, we would need an income statement. So, I don't know if we have one and it just accidentally didn't make it in here, or if we don't have it, and we should ask for it as part of the conditions.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Everything that we received is in the package. I'm not sure that there were any other submissions made, but we can ask the individual who's on the call.

Chair Peeples – Okay. Mr. Stinsman, if you will, if you'll be sworn in, please sir.

Mr. Stinsman – Sure.

Ms. Simon – Please raise your right hand to be sworn in. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Stinsman – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Mr. Stinsman – Ron Stinsman. S-T-I-N-S-M-A-N.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir.

Chair Peeples – If you'll please answer Ms. Liotta's question.

Mr. Stinsman – Yes, I know for sure we sent it because I photocopied the entire packet before I send it every year. It's in mine and I got a phone call two (2) days ago being told that you guys didn't have it. Not the first time I was sent the request by LaShonda for adjustments. So, I don't know where it went between my hands and yours, but I definitely sent it. I have a copy of it next to me and I can answer any questions off of it. But as stated, we are 100% funded by Homesteaders.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Ms. Liotta, does that complete your question?

Ms. Liotta – Yes. I'll make a motion to accept with the conditions, but I would like a copy of the income statement included in that.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions that Licensee will trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027, and receipt of a copy of the completed income statement. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Stinsman – Where do I send that to?

Chair Peeples – Mr. Stinsman, you can be in touch with the Division office after the meeting today.

Mr. Stinsman – Okay. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir.

(h) Directors Service Inc (F040344) (St Petersburg)

Ms. Simon – Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing of response. In this matter, licensee reported a negative net worth of (\$4,253) on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025, calendar year end. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$10,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the license shall be renewed subject to said condition that Licensee will trust 100% of the proceeds received on the sale of preneed contracts or utilize only insurance-funded for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Board Members?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the condition that Licensee will trust 100% of the proceeds received on the sale of preneed contracts or utilize only insurance-funded for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Mr. Ferreira, yes, sir?

Mr. Ferreira – So, I understand the conditions, and I understand that we're asking folks to trust 100% or use insurance. Do we follow up and make sure that 100% is being funded? I mean, you know, most trust companies, there's three (3) or four (4) different trust agreements. Are we familiar with those agreements and what item number they should be using? I'm just curious. I wasn't sure how we held them accountable for 100%.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – In this matter, we do have the documentation that you were referring to, Mr. Ferreira. And also, there's quarterly remittances to be paid on all preneed contracts and it's through that as well as any exam that would take place that we would hold each Licensee accountable.

Mr. Ferreira – Okay. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – We have a motion and a second. Any more discussion on this motion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed, say No. Motion carries.

(i) Evans-McDonald Funeral Home LLC (F666606) (DeFuniak Springs)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today?

Mr. Keaton McDonald – Yes, ma'am. This is Keaton McDonald.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Mr. McDonald. The licensee reports a negative net worth of (\$63,143). The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$40,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the license be renewed subject to said condition(s):

- 1) That the Board accepts the stated conditions of the personal guarantee of the licensee's preneed obligations executed by Licensee's principal: Aubrey K. McDonald, dated June 11, 2026, along with the personal financial statement of assets and liabilities for Mr. McDonald and;
- 2) The Licensee trusts 100% of all proceeds received on the sale of preneed contracts and/or utilize insurance-funding only contracts.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Ms. Liotta, do you have questions for Mr. McDonald that we need to swear him in?

Ms. Liotta – No.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you Mr. McDonald.

Mr. McDonald – Thank you.

(j) Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc (F065944) (Fort Myers)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee reports a net worth of \$399,939 against a required minimum net worth of \$100,000. Licensee appears to meet all requirements for renewal of license, except for payment of certain late fees. Licensee's annual PNL financial (Forms R2A and R2B) and renewal statements (Forms R3A and R3B) were due to be filed with Division by no later than April 1, 2026. The forms were received by the Division on June 8, 2026, and were thus sixty-eight (68) days late, which indicates a late fee due in the amount of \$1,000. Therefore, the total amount of late fees due is \$1,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, subject to payment of a \$1,000 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$1,000 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(k) Gratitude and Compassion LLC (F459068) (Ocala)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, Wendy Wiener.

Ms. Simon – Thank you. As an update to what was in the cover sheet in your packet, as of June 19, 2026, the Licensee submitted an updated form R2A and R2B that demonstrates that it met the net worth requirement for renewal. As a result, the Division recommends approval without conditions.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Ms. Wiener, questions only?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to approve the application. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Wiener.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

(l) Hayes Brothers Funeral Home Inc (F038721) (Eustis)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. I have an update to what is on your cover sheet. As of June 24, 2026, the licensee submitted the required forms R2A and R2B, which demonstrated that the applicant met the net worth requirement for renewal. A late fee of \$500 is due. The Division recommends this application for approval, that the license be placed on suspension and that the suspension be stayed if the licensee pays the \$500 in late fees within thirty (30) days, the suspension will not take effect. If the payment is not made within thirty (30) days, the suspension will take place at the 30-day mark and remain suspended until such time as the late fee is paid.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$500 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for thirty (30) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 30th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(m) Kim-Ken Developments Inc (F019400) (Orlando)

Ms. Simon – Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, Wendy Wiener.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Ms. Wiener. The licensee reports a net worth of \$98,644 on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$100,000. As of today's date, the FCCS Division has not received a completed Form R6 Net Worth Alternative from the Licensee or further documentation that demonstrates it meets the required net worth

for renewal. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, but the renewed license is suspended effective upon renewal, and shall remain suspended until the licensee satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) Within thirty (30) days of the date of the Final Order issued in this matter, the Licensee shall submit to the Division a completed Form R6 Net Worth Alternatives identifying the Licensee's elected alternative(s), which shall include the alternative requiring 100% of proceeds received from preneed contracts to be trusted or utilizing insurance-funded only contracts; or
- 2) That Licensee demonstrates that it meets the minimum net worth requirement for renewal.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Ms. Wiener, questions only?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, just questions.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, what is your pleasure?

Mr. Jensen – Question, Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Jensen – Ms. Wiener you're okay with these stipulations?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, because they have some actually submitted new balance sheet and income statements, the alternative to show appropriate net worth will be met.

Mr. Jensen – Thank you. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Wiener.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

(n) Leon A. White Cremations & Funeral Home LLC (F883302) (Jacksonville)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today?

Mr. Leon White – Yes, there is.

Ms. Simon – Thank you sir. The licensee's current renewal application package was received by the FCCS Division on or about April 1, 2026. However, the submission of Forms R3A and R3B renewal statements were incomplete, and Forms R2A and R2B financial statements were not in compliance with GAAP and contained calculation errors. Licensee's submission was therefore incomplete as submitted. The licensee has not yet documented that it meets the net worth requirement for renewal. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, but the renewed license is suspended effective upon renewal, and shall remain suspended until the licensee satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) That the Licensee provides to the Division completed Forms R3A and R3B and financial statements in compliance with GAAP for its most recent fiscal year end (Forms R2A and R2B) as required by the renewal application within thirty (30) days from the date of this Board Meeting.
- 2) That Licensee has demonstrated that it meets the minimum net worth requirement for renewal.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. And who is representing Leon A. White Cremations and Funeral Home LLC?

Mr. White – Leon White.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Ms. Liotta, will you have any questions that we need to swear him in?

Ms. Liotta – No, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. White, for participating.

Mr. White – Thank you.

(o) Long-Granberry Funeral Services Inc (F038684) (Marianna)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee reports a net worth of \$80,968 against the required minimum net worth of \$80,000. Licensee appears to meet all requirements for renewal of license, except for payment of certain late fees. Licensee's annual PNL financial (Forms R2A and R2B) were due to be filed with Division by no later than April 1, 2026. The forms were received by the Division on June 3, 2026, and were thus 63 days late, which indicates a late fee due in the amount of \$500. Therefore, the total amount of late fees due is \$500. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, subject to payment of a \$500.00 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for 60 days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$500.00 late renewal fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Board members?

(p) M Alan Moore Crematory Services LLC (F217206) (Palmetto)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee reports a net worth of \$38,785 against a required minimum net worth of \$10,000. Licensee appears to meet all requirements for renewal of license, except for payment of certain late fees. Licensee's annual PNL financial (Forms R2A and R2B) were due to be filed with Division by no later than April 1, 2026. The forms were received by the Division on 4-24-2026, and were thus twenty-three (23) days late, which indicates a late fee due in the amount of \$200. Therefore, the total amount of late fees due is \$200. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, subject to payment of a \$200.00 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. I see on a chat it states that Mandy Moore is connected and cannot get the mic connected. Ms. Liotta, would you have any questions that Ms. Moore would need to be connected?

Ms. Liotta – No, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$200.00 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(q) Marion Nelson Funeral Home Inc (F019235) (Lake Wales)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee reports a negative net worth of \$(778,388). The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$100,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the Board accepts the stated conditions of the personal guarantee of the licensee's preneed obligations executed June 16, 2023, by principals: William D. Gill, John B. Nelson, and Kristina Richels, and agreement to continue to trust 100% and utilize insurance-funding by the entity. The FCCS Division recommends that the license be renewed subject to said condition(s):

- 1) That the Board extends the stated conditions of the existing personal guarantees executed by Licensee's principals as of June 16, 2023.
- 2) That personal financial statements for Licensee's principals are received within thirty (30) days of this Board meeting; and
- 3) That the Licensee trusts 100% of proceeds received on preneed contracts or sell only insurance-funded contracts.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Board Members?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(r) Neshama JFS LLC (F357480) (Pompano Beach)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee reports a net worth of \$328,397 against a required minimum net worth of \$100,000. The licensee appears to meet all requirements for renewal of license, except for completion of Form R4 and payment of certain late fees. Licensee's annual PNL financial (Forms R2A and R2B) and renewal statements (Forms R3A and R3B) were due to be filed with Division by no later than April 1, 2026. The forms were received by the Division on May 6, 2026, and were thus thirty-six (36) days late, which indicates a late fee due in the amount of \$1,000. Therefore, the total amount of late fees due is \$1,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, subject to payment of a \$1,000 late renewal filing fee and completion of the Form R4: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee.

Chair Peeples – Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Clark moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$1,000 late renewal fee and completion of Form R4: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(s) Paradise Chapel LLC (F451486) (Miramar)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The Licensee reports a net worth of \$257,327 against a required minimum net worth of \$100,000. Licensee appears to meet all requirements for renewal of license, except for payment of certain late fees. Licensee's annual PNL financial (Forms R2A and R2B) and renewal statements (Forms R3A and R3B) were due to be filed with Division by no later than April 1, 2026. The forms were received by the Division on May 29, 2026, and were thus fifty-eight (58) days late, which indicates a late fee due in the amount of \$1,000. Therefore, the total amount of late fees due is \$1,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, subject to payment of a \$1,000 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$1,000 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for sixty (60) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 60th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(t) Phillip & Sons The Funeral Directors Inc (F562777) (Melrose)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee reported a negative net worth of (\$10,625) on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$20,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the Board approve renewal subject to conditions the license shall be renewed subject to said condition(s):

- 1) that licensee provide quarterly financial statements to the Division during the licensure period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.
- 2) that licensee provide a written letter of explanation of past financial activity within thirty (30) days of this Board meeting; and
- 3) that licensee will trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Ms. Clay seconded the motion.

Chair Peebles – Is there any discussion on the motion?

Ms. Robin Crawford – Actually, I'm here.

Chair Peebles – Who is? Please speak your name.

Ms. Crawford – This is Robin Crawford, Philip & Sons. You couldn't hear me earlier.

Chair Peebles – Okay, Ms. Crawford. I do not think we probably have any questions but thank you for participating. We have a motion, and we have a second. Is there any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all in favor the motion say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peebles – All opposed say No. Motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Crawford, for attending. If Board members will mute your connection until we're ready for a vote, please. Thank you. Ms. Crawford, we have already voted on your preneed renewal, and you can speak with the Division office if you have a question, okay?

Ms. Crawford – Thank you.

Chair Peebles – Ms. Simon?

(u) Ralph Family Enterprises LLLP (F038731) (Plantation)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee's Forms R1 preneed renewal invoice and payment and current renewal statements (R3A and R3B) were received by the FCCS Division on or about April 1, 2026. However, the submission for Forms R2A and R2B financial statement has not yet been received by the Division, and the Form R4 is not complete, therefore, the renewal is incomplete. To date, the FCCS Division has not received the required financial statements and completed Form R4. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, but the renewed license is suspended effective upon renewal, and shall remain suspended until the licensee satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) That Licensee provides the Division with the required financial statements (Forms R2A and R2B) and completed Form R4 as required by the renewal application within thirty (30) days of the date of this Board Meeting.

- 2) That licensee pays to the Division any required late fees in the amount determined by the Division based upon the number of days late of the Forms R2A and R2B once received by the Division, as required by ss. 497.453(5)(e), FS, and rule 69K-5.0026(2), FAC. These late fines will range from \$500 to \$1,000.
- 3) That Licensee has demonstrated that it meets the minimum net worth requirement for renewal.

Chair Peeples – Board members, what is your pleasure, please?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(v) Richard Funeral Services/Funeraria La Espanola Inc (F451467) (Lake Hamilton)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today?

Ms. Pettine – Yes, Lauren Pettine here for Richard Funeral Services.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Ms. Pettine. The licensee reported a net worth of \$1,687 on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025, calendar year end. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$10,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the Board approve renewal subject to condition that licensee will trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Ms. Pettine, questions only?

Ms. Pettine – Just here to answer any questions.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – Yes, there's just two (2) things that I noticed that we probably want to get updates on or get sent in. I seem to be missing Page 1 of the income statement. I see we've got one that shows net income, but I don't have anything that shows me the revenue side. So, I don't know again if that's right, but that would be helpful to have. Also, on the income statement that I do have, the headings show the year being 2024, not 2025. So, I just want to make sure we're getting the right use information.

Ms. Pettine – Absolutely. This is a scenario similar to what we've heard before. There was an incident which occurred with the CPA. As of this year, it was discovered that the CPA that was primarily responsible may have been gauging in some form of malfeasance as it relates to providing tax information. That being said, we're more than happy, and we've discussed this with our client, who's more than happy to for next year do a 100% voluntary trusting for preneed contracts to address this issue. If you would also like to make it a condition to send in amended statements, we can absolutely discuss that with our client if it's not sufficient to have the 100% trusting resolve this matter.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – I'd like to make a motion to approve with conditions, but I would like to receive verification that we have the full income statement and the correct view.

Chair Peeples – Board Members?

Mr. Jensen – Is that along with the other conditions, Ms. Simon?

Ms. Liotta – With conditions, adding that in.

Mr. Jensen – I'll second it. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon, did you have a question?

Ms. Simon – Yes, ma’am. I would like to add that those statements are filed within thirty (30) days of the Final Order issued in this matter, as well as the other conditions.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to condition that licensee will trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027, and an amended income statement be filed within thirty (30) days. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Pettine.

Ms. Pettine – Thank you, Board members.

(w) Robert M Naugle Mortuaries Inc (F019241) (Jacksonville)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today?

Mr. Cameron Naugle – Yes, Ms. Simon. I'm here.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir. This licensee reported a net worth of \$14,441 on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$100,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the license shall be renewed subject to said condition(s):

- 1) Licensee provides quarterly financial statements to the Division during the licensure period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.
- 2) Licensee provides a written letter of explanation of past financial activity within thirty (30) days of this Board meeting.
- 3) Licensee trust 100% of proceeds received on the sale of preneed contracts or sell insurance-funded only contracts.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Liotta, do you have any questions that we need to swear in Mr. Naugle?

Ms. Liotta – No.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Naugle.

Mr. Naugle – Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ms. Simon and the 497. I appreciate you.

(x) Shannon Funeral Home PA (F019265) (Bradenton)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today?

Ms. Tammy Valenti – Yes, ma’am, Tammy Valenti.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Ms. Valenti. The licensee reports a net worth of \$40,811 on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$80,000. As of to date, the FCCS Division has not received a completed Form R6 Net Worth Alternative from the Licensee. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, but the renewed license is suspended effective upon renewal, and shall remain suspended until the licensee satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) Within thirty (30) days of the date of the Final Order issued in this matter, the Licensee shall submit to the Division a completed Form R6 Net Worth Alternatives identifying the Licensee's elected alternative(s), which shall include the alternative requiring 100% of proceeds received from preneed contracts to be trusted or utilizing insurance-funded only contracts; and
- 2) That Licensee demonstrates that it meets the minimum net worth requirement for renewal.

Ms. Valenti – Ma'am we submitted all of this information.

Chair Peeples – Please ma'am let us swear you in please.

Ms. Valenti – Oh, sorry.

Ms. Simon – Please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Valenti – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Ms. Valenti – Tammy Valenti, V-A-L-E-N-T-I.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Valenti. If you will address the Board, please.

Ms. Valenti – Thank you. The Form R6 Net Worth Alternative as well as a statement stating that we are willing to trust 100% as we are already in the habit of doing that was submitted to LaShonda at the State on June 15th.

Ms. Simon – Madam Chair? Just one moment, please. We will pause until other Board members return to the Board meeting.

Mr. Jensen – Mr. Clark, can you take over?

Mr. Clark – Ms. Simon, did you want me to take over?

Ms. Simon – Can you please hold one moment before taking over? Actually, Mr. Clark, please do take over, and assume the Chair position at this time. Is that acceptable to you, Mr. Clark?

Mr. Clark – Yes, that's fine. We have a quorum, right?

Ms. Simon – We have a quorum. We have six (6) people. Is that acceptable to you?

Mr. Clark – Yes, that's fine.

Mr. Jones – We were checking to see if she submitted the documents.

Ms. Simon – Actually what I'd like to do is amend my recommendation if I may, and I would recommend that the approval be granted and that the licensee be placed on suspension and that the suspension be stayed for sixty (60) days if during the sixty (60) days the Division receives the required R6 Net Worth Alternative form, which includes the requirement of 100% of the proceeds received, the trusted and the utilization of insurance-funded contracts only, and that the licensee has demonstrated that it met the net worth requirement for renewal. If the licensee has submitted those documents or will submit those documents within thirty (30) days and the suspension shall not take effect if the suspension takes effect, it will remain in effect until the Division receives the required forms.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved to approve the application subject to the amended conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(y) Shuler & Pender Funeral Service Inc (F047891) (West Palm Beach)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today?

Mr. Craig Pender – Yes, Craig Pender is here.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Mr. Pender. The licensee reported a net worth of \$66,535 on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025, calendar year end. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$100,000. As a result, the FCCS Division recommends that the license shall be renewed subject to said condition that licensee will trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Mr. Pender, are you here to address the Board or just answer questions?

Mr. Pender – Whatever is necessary.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the Licensee will trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Simon – And I made a misstatement. There are seven (7) Board members on the call right now.

(z) South Florida Crematory LLC (F622759) (Pompano Beach)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee reported a negative net worth of (\$29,347) on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025, calendar year end. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$20,000. Therefore, the FCCS Division recommends that the license be renewed subject to said condition(s):

- 1) That the Board accepts and extends the personal guarantee of the licensee's preneed obligations dated May 19, 2025, by Keila Crucet, and August 2, 2024, by Iberia Ajo, respectively, and
- 2) That Licensee provides Statement of Personal Assets and Liabilities, executed by the Licensee's principals, Ms. Crucet and Ms. Ajo withing thirty (30) days of the Final Order issued in this matter; and
- 3) That licensee shall trust 100% of the proceeds received on preneed contracts or use insurance-funded only contracts during the renewal period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(aa) St. Fort's Funeral Home Inc. (F039876) North Miami Beach)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee's current renewal application package was received by the FCCS Division on or about March 27, 2026, except for Page 2 of the completed Form R2A Balance Sheet and incomplete Forms R3A, R3B and R4. On April 28, 2026, the FCCS Division emailed a deficiency notice to licensee, advising them of the above deficiencies. To date, the FCCS Division has not received the completed forms. The licensee has not yet documented that it meets the net worth requirement for renewal. The FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, but the renewed license is suspended effective upon renewal, and shall remain suspended until the licensee satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) That Licensee provides the Division with Page 2 of its completed balance sheet (Form R2A) for the most recent fiscal year end and the completed Forms R3A, R3B and R4 as required by the renewal application within thirty (30) days from the date of this Board Meeting.
- 2) That Licensee has demonstrated that it meets the minimum net worth requirement for renewal.

Chair Peeples – Is Mr. Clark chairing the meeting? This is Chair Peeples.

Vice Chair Clark – Yes. Would you like me to continue this matter and then you'll take back over?

Chair Peeples – Well why don't you finish this agenda item if you don't mind and please let me know which number we're on.

Vice Chair Clark – Of course.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Clark – We just finished St. Fort’s. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Thank you sir.

(bb) Sunflower Cremation LLC (F489064) (Coral Springs)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today?

Ms. Tricia Segura – Yes, I’m here, Tricia Segura.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Ms. Segura. The licensee reports a negative net worth of \$(2,631) on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$20,000. As of today’s date, the FCCS Division has not received a completed Form R6 Net Worth Alternative from the Licensee. Therefore, the FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, but the renewed license is suspended effectively upon renewal, and shall remain suspended until the licensee satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) Within thirty (30) days of the date of the Final Order issued in this matter, the Licensee shall submit to the Division a completed Form R6 Net Worth Alternatives identifying the Licensee’s elected alternative(s), which shall include the alternative requiring 100% of proceeds received from preneed contracts to be trusted or utilizing insurance-funded only contracts; and
- 2) Licensee demonstrates that it meets the minimum net worth requirement for renewal.

Ms. Segura – Hello, can I say something?

Ms. Simon – Just one moment, ma’am. Mr. Clark, I’m sorry, can you take over one more time?

Vice Chair Clark – Okay.

Ms. Simon – The individual that’s on the phone, do you have any comments to make, or are you only here to answer questions?

Ms. Segura – I’m here for both, but I need to be sworn in.

Ms. Simon – Yes, ma’am. Please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Segura – Yes, thank you.

Ms. Simon – Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Ms. Segura – First name is Trisha. Last name is Segura, S-E-G-U-R-A.

Ms. Simon – And before you continue, I just want and make note that there are still seven (7) Board members on the call. Ms. Segura, what are your comments, please?

Ms. Segura – As early as Monday, I was notified that the R6, the first page, was not received and it was sent. It was sent in on Monday, and I was told that it would be submitted to the Board.

Ms. Simon – Just one moment, please. I apologize. I’m not sure if I made the required notes in this matter but let me revise my recommendation. I recommend that the Board approve the application for renewal and that the license be suspended. However, the imposition of the suspension be stayed for thirty (30) days. If the required forms are within the Division by the 30th day, that suspension never take effect. And if the suspension takes effect, then the license remains suspended until such

time as the applicant has satisfied the required net worth and submitted the form. Okay, that that was one of the supplementals that was issued. I apologize for my notes.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – Yes, just to add {inaudible} has issues with the originally filed income statement and balance sheet and we received supplemental information. {Inaudible} the appropriate net worth as of March 2026. I'm not sure how that falls in {inaudible}.

Ms. Simon – Ms. Liotta, unfortunately, we're hearing every other word from you.

Ms. Liotta – Oh, you can't hear me?

Ms. Simon – Well, we're hearing every other word. I don't think it's that you're not speaking loud enough. I just don't know what is going on with the connection.

Mr. Jensen – Vice Chair?

Ms. Liotta – Do you hear me better now?

Ms. Simon – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Liotta – Okay. I will try this with my camera off. I had some issues with the originally filed balance sheet which I communicated to Ms. Simon, and she communicated to Sunflower. We have since received financial statements that show appropriate net worth as of March 31, 2026. So, I'm not sure how that plays into this.

Ms. Simon – As a result, the Division amends its recommendation and recommends that the license be approved without conditions.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application without conditions. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Jensen, I know we have a motion, but did you have a question or comment, sir?

Mr. Jensen – No, sir. I was trying to help with the situation. The hearing situation. Thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – We need all the help we can get. Thank you, sir. So, we do have a motion to approve, and it's been seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none. All in favor, say Aye.

Board members [Unison] – Aye.

Vice Chair Clark – And any opposed? And that motion carries.

Ms. Simon – I apologize for that error.

(cc) Vann Charles B (F019374) (Marianna)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today? Hearing no response. Before continuing, I'd just like to make note that we continue to have seven (7) Board members on the call. The licensee's Forms R1, R3A, R3B, and R4 were received by the FCCS Division on or about April 1, 2026, however, the submission did not include the Forms R2A Balance Sheet, R2B Income Statement, and the Form R4 was incomplete. As an update to this matter, we have received the required forms, and we have received the late fee in the amount of \$1,000. As a result, the Division recommends approval without conditions.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(dd) Veterans Funeral Care Florida LLC (F132560) (Clearwater)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee's renewal was received by the FCCS Division on or about April 3, 2026. However, Licensee's Forms R2A Balance Sheet and R2B Income Statement reported a negative net worth of (\$598,876) against a required net worth of \$100,000. On May 26, 2026, the FCCS Division notified Licensee, advising of the above deficiencies. As of today's date, the FCCS Division has not received a completed Form R6 from the Licensee or financial statements that demonstrate that the net worth has been met. The licensee has not yet documented that it meets the net worth requirement for renewal. Therefore, the FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, but the renewed license is suspended effectively upon renewal, and shall remain suspended until the licensee satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) Within thirty (30) days of the date of the Final Order issued in this matter, the Licensee shall submit to the Division a completed Form R6 Net Worth Alternatives identifying the Licensee's elected alternative(s), which shall include the alternative requiring 100% of proceeds received from preneed contracts to be trusted or utilizing insurance-funded only contracts; or
- 2) Licensee demonstrates that it meets the minimum net worth requirement for renewal.

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes. Ms. Liotta, this is about a \$3 million difference.

Ms. Liotta – Yes, which I have communicated with Ms. Simon that I had a question about wanting an explanation on that. So, I don't know if we have anybody on the call that can do that.

Vice Chair Clark – I don't think there's anyone here for the applicant. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Mr. Ferreira, I understand your concern. However, if the recommendation is accepted that means the license is suspended, and we could say that the license is suspended until the licensee demonstrates that it meet the net worth requirement or that the licensee submit the R6 form which identifies appropriate alternatives including trusting 100% of the proceeds received from preneed contracts or utilizing only insurance funded contracts. That's the recommendation.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – Can we also add in there that they provide an explanation for the large change in equity from year to year? I think we've done something similar on other ones where we asked for like a written statement of their financial activities recently. So, I would like to add that as an item as well as a condition.

Ms. Simon – If we add that as an item, I would like to change my recommendation that that explanation also be included as a response from the applicant before the suspension is lifted.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the amended conditions recommended by the Division and that the licensee provide a written explanation for the large change in equity from year to year. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(ee) Walker-Berry Funerals & Cremations Inc (F643939) (Jacksonville)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee reported a negative net worth of \$(43,262) on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025, calendar year end. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$40,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the license shall be renewed subject to said condition that the Licensee will trust 100% of proceeds received on preneed contracts or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the Licensee will trust 100% of proceeds received on preneed contracts or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(ff) Waters & Hibbert Funeral Home LLC (F085188) (Pensacola)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today? Hearing no response. And there continues to be seven (7) Board members on the call. The licensee reported a net worth of \$62,872 on its balance sheet dated December 31, 2025. The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$100,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the license shall be renewed subject to said condition that the Licensee will trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – I just wanted to ask Ms. Liotta if she looked at it. The numbers seem to be far different from most of the others that we've looked at in the presentation. So, I was just curious. I mean, this is a little foreign to me, some of this stuff. Does this look okay to you, Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – It does look okay to me. Their net worth is really dropped because they don't have any basis in their assets anymore. So, it's probably a company that's been around for a while. Yes, that's normal.

Mr. Jensen – Very good. Thank you so much. Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the license shall be renewed subject to said condition that the Licensee will trust 100% or utilize insurance-funding by the entity for the current renewal period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(gg) Watson-Milton Funeral Home LLC (F508682) (Trenton)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee's current renewal application package was received by the FCCS Division on or about April 1, 2026. However, the submission for R2A and R2B financial statements were not in compliance with GAAP and contained calculation errors and was therefore incomplete as submitted. The licensee has not documented that it meets the net worth requirement for renewal. Therefore, the FCCS Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, but the renewed license is suspended effectively upon renewal, and shall remain suspended until the licensee satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) Licensee provides the Division with financial statements in compliance with GAAP for its most recent fiscal year end (Forms R2A and R2B) as required by the renewal application within thirty (30) days from the date of this Board Meeting.
- 2) Licensee demonstrates that it meets the minimum net worth requirement for renewal.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(hh) Whidden-McLean (F782695) (Bartow)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today? Hearing no response. The licensee reports a negative net worth of (\$715,482). The required minimum net worth for renewal is \$100,000. The FCCS Division recommends that the license be renewed subject to said condition(s):

- 1) That the Board accepts personal guarantee and personal financial statement executed by Licensee's principal, Marc Mclean, as of February 28, 2025.
- 2) That personal financial statements for Licensee's principal are received within thirty (30) days of the Final Order issued in this matter; and
- 3) That the Licensee will trust 100% of the proceeds received on the sale of preneed contracts or sell insurance-funded only contracts.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(ii) Island Cremations LLC (F064576) (Merritt Island)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity on the call today?

Mr. Paul Mazzoni – Yes, Paul Mazzoni, Island Cremations LLC.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Mr. Mazzoni. There is an update to the cover sheet. As of June 19, 2026, the licensee submitted an updated Form R2A and R2B, which demonstrates that the entity meets the required net worth for renewal. As a result, the Division and recommends approval without conditions.

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Mazzoni, I know you're on the call. Did you want to address the Board or are you just here for questions?

Mr. Mazzoni – Just here for questions.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, sir.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Mazzoni, that application was approved.

Mr. Mazzoni – Thank you.

Ms. Simon – Thank you.

Ms. Wiener – Mr. Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Yes, Ms. Wiener?

Ms. Wiener – There was one application for Eden Funeral Florida LLC. It's on the non-renewed list and we were told Ms. Simon was going to take that one up.

Ms. Simon – I'm not done. If I may?

Vice Chair Clark – Yes.

(3) Non-Renewing Preneed Licensees (Not Renewing as of July 1, 2026) – Addendum J

Ms. Simon – So just to continue with item (3), which is Addendum J, it's an informational item, except there are several exceptions, which I will mention in the moment. The exceptions are first being:

Bell's Funeral Home, Port St. Lucie LLC

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of entity on the call today? Hearing no response. This was an item that was on that addendum. However, based upon the submission of the applicant, which were made on June 19th, which included all the necessary forms, and the forms demonstrated that the licensee met the requirement for renewal. However, the late fees have not yet been paid. Therefore, the Division recommends that the application for renewal is granted, subject to payment of a \$500 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for thirty (30) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 30th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$500 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for thirty (30) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is

paid by said 30th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Simon – And we continue to have seven (7) Board members on the call today. Moving on.

DJ Hawk Enterprises LLC

Ms. Simon – While this entity was on the addendum, they have subsequently submitted the required forms as of June 20, 2026. However, there is a late fee due of \$1,000. So, the recommendation is that the application for renewal is granted, subject to payment of a \$1,000 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for thirty (30) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 30th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$1,000 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for thirty (30) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 30th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Eden Funeral Home, Florida LLC

Ms. Simon – The entity was on the addendum, but submissions have later been made. Is there a representative of this entity on the call today?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, Wendy Wiener.

Ms. Simon – Thank you. As of June 17, 2026, the licensee has provided form R1 and has completed forms R3A and R3B as well as R4. However, the licensee has not demonstrated that it meets the net worth requirement for approval. Therefore, the Division recommends that the application for renewal be granted, that the renewed license be suspended upon renewal, and remain suspended until the licensee provides completed R2A and R2B forms to the Division, that the licensee demonstrates that it meets the net worth requirement for renewal, and that the licensee pays the required late fees in the amount of \$1,000.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Wiener, you're just here for questions, or would you like to address?

Ms. Wiener – Questions only.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the application subject to the conditions recommended by the Division. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

Elijah Bell's Funeral Services LLC

Ms. Simon – This matter was also on the addendum, but as of June 19, 2026, the licensee completed all the required forms and has made a payment in late fees of the amount of \$460. As a result, the Division recommends approval, but that the license be suspended and the suspension be stayed. If the licensee pays the balance of \$540 in late fees within the next thirty (30) days, the suspension does not take effect. If the payment is not made within the next thirty (30) days, the suspension takes effect at the 30-day mark and remains suspended until such time as the late fee is paid. Is there a representative of Elijah Bell's Funeral Services LLC on the call today? Hearing no response. Mr. Vice-Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Board members?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$540 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for thirty (30) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is

paid by said 30th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Vice Chair Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Guiding Light Cremations, LLC

Ms. Simon – This entity that was on the addendum but has made a late submission. Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. As of May 21, 2026, the required forms have been submitted. However, because they were submitted late, there is a \$1,000 late fee. They have already made payment of \$360 and there is a remaining amount due of \$640. The licensee has demonstrated it meets the net worth requirement for renewal. Therefore, the Division recommends approval but that the license be suspended, and that the suspension be stayed. If the licensee pays the remaining \$640 in late fees within the next thirty (30) days, the suspension shall not take effect. If payment is not made within the next thirty (30) days, the suspension takes place at the 30-day mark, and the license remains suspended until such time as the late fee is paid.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$640 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for thirty (30) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 30th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

People's Choice Mortuary and Cremation Service, LLC

Ms. Simon – This entity that was on the addendum but has made a late submission. Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. On June 23, 2026, the Division received all of the required documentation, which proved that the net worth requirement for approval. However, a late fee of \$1,000 is due, therefore the Division recommends approval, but that the license be suspended and that the suspension be stayed. If the licensee pays \$1,000 in late fees within thirty (30) days, the suspension does not take effect. If the payment is not made within thirty (30) days, the suspension will take effect at the 30-day mark, and the license remains suspended until such time as the late fee is paid.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$1,000 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for thirty (30) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 30th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Simon – If I can go back to one case that was previously mentioned, *Bell's Funeral Home, Port St. Lucie LLC*. I'd like to revisit that. Unfortunately, the amount that must be paid is \$540 and not \$500, so I request that we vacate that prior acceptance and I would like to recommend another motion to do so...

Vice Chair Clark – Do you need a motion correct to vacate?

Ms. Simon – Yes, sir.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to vacate the previous motion. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Simon – And then this matter, the Division recommends approval but that the license be suspended and the suspension be stayed. If the licensee pays \$540 in late fees within the next thirty (30) days, the suspension does not take effect. If payment is not made within thirty (30) days, the suspension take place at the 30-day mark, and the license remains suspended until such time as the late fee is paid.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$540 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for thirty (30) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 30th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Northwood Funeral Home

Ms. Simon – This item initially was not on the non-renewals. Is there a representative of Northwood Funeral Home, license F620128, on the call today? On June 15, 2026, the licensee has sent in all the required documentation, and they meet the net worth requirement for approval. The Division recommends approval subject to the payment of a late fee of \$1,000. The recommendation is for approval, but that the license be suspended and that the suspension be stayed. If the licensee pays \$1,000 in late fees within the next thirty (30) days, the suspension does not take effect. If the payment is not made within thirty (30) days, the suspension will take effect at the 30-day mark, and the license remains suspended until such time as the late fee is paid.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to payment of a \$1,000 late renewal filing fee: the renewed license is suspended, but the imposition of the suspension is stayed for thirty (30) days from the renewal date. If the late fee is paid by said 30th day, the suspension imposed shall not take effect. If the suspension imposed takes effect, it shall continue in force until the licensee pays the late fee. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Simon – And that concludes matter of preneed renewals. Mr. Vice Chair, should I move on to the next item?

Vice Chair Clark – Well, we will take a break. We will come back at 2:10 to complete the agenda. Thank you.

*****BREAK*****

Vice Chair Clark – Okay, I'll call the meeting back to order.

R. Application(s) for Removal Service

- (1) *Recommended for Approval with Conditions*
 - (a) *Alternative Transportation Services, Inc. (Lecanto)*

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of the entity on the call today? Hearing no response. A change in location application for a removal service licensure was received on April 13, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on June 1, 2026. A background check of the principal, Ms. Fortunata J. Festante, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. Since the time of the agenda being published, the applicant has already passed the inspection. Therefore, the Division recommends approval without conditions.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- (2) *Recommended for Approval without Conditions*
 - (a) *Journey Mortuary Services, LLC (Pensacola)*

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of the entity on the call today?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, Wendy Wiener.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Ms. Wiener. A change in location application for a removal facility licensure was received on April 24, 2026. The application was considered complete by the Division on the same date. A background check of the principal, Ms. Kelly G. Hollister, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The establishment passed inspection in May 2026. The Division recommends approval without conditions.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Wiener?

Ms. Wiener – Questions only.

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – On the principals, another company is listed. Is that okay, or do we then need the principals of that company?

Ms. Simon – In this case, Mr. Jensen, all we need is the name of the principals. We don't go further down the principal chain.

Mr. Jensen – Okay. Very good. I just wanted clarification. Thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Jensen.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

(b) Smileys Peaceful Passage, LLC d/b/a Smileys Peaceful Passage (Bartow)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of the entity on the call today?

Unidentified person – Yes, I'm here.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, ma'am. A new application for a removal facility licensure was received on April 6, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on April 23, 2026. A background check of the principals, Ms. Katherine L. Gordon, and Ms. Claudia P. Eguiluz, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The establishment passed inspection on April 28, 2026. The Division recommends approval.

Mr. Ferreira – Mr. Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – To the representative on the call, did you want to address the Board or are you here for questions?

Unidentified person – Just to answer questions.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you.

Mr. Ferreira – Mr. Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, sir. I noticed under the license type we have removal facility license, and then sometimes you see removal service license. Which is it? It's confusing to me.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Ferreira, the license is a removal service. It's not a removal facility. We went back and forth on the cover sheet, but it is a removal service license.

Mr. Ferreira – Thank you.

Ms. Simon – Does that satisfy your question, Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, ma'am.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

S. Collective Coversheet(s)

(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

1. Blueshore, LLC d/b/a Truecare Mortuary Services (Milton)

- Cinerator Facility***
- Funeral Establishment***

Ms. Simon – Before I continue on this matter, I want to say there are several mistakes on the cover sheet. The name should be Truecare Mortuary Services, not Truecare Memorial Services. Additionally, under the remarks, under #5, it also should be Mortuary Services, and the d/b/a was wrong on the cinerator license. It should read, under #5, Blueshore, LLC d/b/a Gulf Coast Crematory. Is there a representative of this entity on the call today?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, Wendy Wiener.

Ms. Simon – Thank you. The applicant submitted the following: application for a Funeral Establishment and for a Cinerator Facility Establishment licensure, all based upon a change of location. If approved, both applicants will be operating out of the same location, as reflected below:

- A) Blueshore LLC d/b/a Truecare Mortuary Services / Funeral Establishment 6017 Stewart Street, Milton Fl. 32570
- B) Blueshore LLC d/b/a Truecare Mortuary Services / Cinerator Facility 6017 Stewart Street, Milton Fl. 32570

Both applications were received by the Division on April 22, 2026. The funeral establishment application was considered complete by the Division on that same date. The FDIC will be Ms. Cynthia Helms-Price (F043734). A background check of the principal, Mr. Trevor Ruff, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The cinerator facility application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on May 7, 2026. The FDIC will be Ms. Cynthia Helms-Price (F043734). A background check of the principal, Mr. Trevor Ruff, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that both establishments pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Wiener, you’re here for questions, only?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, sir.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you. Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Ms. Wiener, I’m familiar with this individual. I noticed that they’re the FDIC of a funeral home in South Florida. So, are they giving that one up to be FDIC here, or what’s happening with that?

Ms. Wiener – They can only be FDIC at two (2) locations, and those locations can be no more than seventy-five (75) miles apart, as the crow flies. So, I would say the answer is yes.

Mr. Jensen – Okay.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the condition that both establishments pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- 2. *Infinity Transportation Services, LLC (Port St. Lucie)*
 - *Refrigeration Facility*
 - *Removal Service*

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative on the call today?

Ms. Jalene Diaz – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, ma’am. Infinity, the applicant submitted the following: an application refrigeration facility licensure and for removal service licensure. Both applications are based upon a change of location. If approved, both applicants will be operating out of the same location, as reflected below:

- A) Infinity Transportation Services, LLC / Refrigeration Facility 1674 South East Village Green Drive, Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34952
- B) Infinity Transportation Services, LLC / Removal Service 1674 South East Village Green Drive, Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34952

Both applications were received by the Division on April 28, 2026, and were considered incomplete on the day of receipt. The

Division received the required information to complete the application on May 6, 2026. A background check of the principal, Ms. Jalene Diaz, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that both establishments pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Ms. Diaz, are you here to address the Board, or just answer questions?

Ms. Diaz – I just have one question and then I'll answer any questions.

Vice Chair Clark – Let us swear you in. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. Diaz – Yes, I do.

Ms. Simon – Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Ms. Diaz – Jalene Diaz, D-I-A-Z.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, ma'am.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Diaz. Go ahead.

Ms. Diaz – Once we go through the {inaudible} before we receive our new licensure, and I think we {inaudible}.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – You can call the Division after this meeting and find out about the license. Before you take a vote, I would ask whether the current license is going to be relinquished, based on this new license application.

Ms. Diaz – Yes. We have been down since the move. {Inaudible}

Ms. Simon – So, the old license will be relinquished, correct?

Ms. Diaz – Correct.

Ms. Simon – Thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – What is the pleasure of the Board?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the condition that both establishments pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Diaz. Good luck

Ms. Diaz – Thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Simon?

(2) Recommended for Denial

(a) Petition for Waiver of Rule and Request to Renew Internship

1. Barfield, Evan C

Ms. Simon – Is Evan Barfield or a representative of Evan Barfield on the call today?

Mr. Evan Barfield – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Thank you. In this matter, good cause was found to supplement the record less than seven (7) days before the Board meeting with additional documentation after the Board agenda was published. An application for a funeral director and embalmer (concurrent) intern license was received by the Division on April 16, 2026. Upon review of the application, it was determined that the applicant had previously been issued a funeral director and embalmer (concurrent) intern license that expired on August 17, 2021. Following telephonic communication with the applicant regarding the status of the application, a deficiency letter was issued on May 29, 2026. On June 9, 2026, the Division received the applicant's Petition for Waiver of Rule 69K-18.003(6), Florida Administrative Code, along with all outstanding deficient items. The application was deemed complete on June 9, 2026, and is now ready for Board review together with the Petition for Waiver. Rule 69K-18.003(6), Florida Administrative Code, provides that only one (1) internship shall be permitted during an individual's lifetime. The applicant previously held a funeral director and embalmer (concurrent) intern license that expired on August 17, 2021, and did not complete the required one-year internship. The applicant was also outside the timeframe permitted to request renewal of the internship license. According to the Petition for Waiver, the applicant was unable to complete the internship due to the circumstances described therein and requests that the Board waive Rule 69K-18.003(6), F.A.C., to allow issuance of a new concurrent intern license and provide an opportunity to complete the required one-year internship. The applicant has no reportable criminal history and has successfully passed both sections of the National Board Examination. If the Petition for Waiver is denied, the Division recommends denial of the application for licensure as a funeral director and embalmer. The Division presents the Petition for Waiver and application to the Board for consideration and determination. The Division requests the Board take two (2) separate votes: one (1) for the petition and one (1) for the application for licensure. The Division is recommending denial of licensure based on Rule 69K-18.003 (6), F.A.C., "No person shall be issued more than one concurrent internship license in their lifetime." Mr. Vice Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Mr. Barfield, I'm going to have Ms. Simon swear you in. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Barfield – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Mr. Barfield – My name is Evan Colton Barfield, B-A-R-F-I-E-L-D.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Barfield. I have a couple of questions. I know you did submit information regarding the illness that you overcame. I know you passed the Nation Boards. Please explain what you have completed in your internship.

Mr. Barfield – I recently obtained a full-time position with SCI for a funeral director/embalmer concurrent internship opportunity. At this current moment I'm working for a Pinellas County care center. The opportunity ahead of me under supervisor Mary Fagin to have the opportunity to become an intern, as an embalmer at this location, and a funeral director at Meadowlawn, out near New Port Richey. So, at this point I've been doing intake, getting people prepared for cremation, and assisting with dressing. Until the application process goes through, I'm not able to proceed further with the {inaudible}.

Vice Chair Clark – Going back to 2020 when your internship started, did you do anything during that time?

Mr. Barfield – Oh, I understand. Back at that time I had a concurrent internship license, so I met with families, I did arrangements, embalmed, cremations, I worked funerals. It was a family-owned funeral home, so the whole nine yards, sir.

Vice Chair Clark – In the material that was provided, the quarterly reports are all blank. Did you turn in your quarterly reports back in 2020?

Mr. Barfield – I did. I don't remember what her name was at that time. I don't believe it was Crystal, but I turned in three (3)

or four (4) quarterly reports, if I'm not mistaken.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Barfield.

Mr. Barfield – Thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Without reviewing the three (3) quarterly reports that we have, to answer your question, Mr. Clark, it looks like he submitted three (3), as he said for three (3) quarters. He did submit three (3).

Vice Chair Clark – Board members, any questions for Mr. Barfield? Any discussion? Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, sir. It's been about three (3) or four (4) years. During that whole time, have you been dealing with the hardship? What have you been doing?

Mr. Barfield – At the time of when I started for my initial internship, from 2021 to 2023 I was struggling with POTS and getting that situated. I didn't feel it was safe for me, at the time, to work in a job with high responsibility, until I had that managed. Up at that time I was working a lower responsibility job, through a continuous supervised care under different providers, different physicians. I have not been symptomatic. I have been continuing care, so I have not received any symptoms since 2023. Everything has been stabilized.

Mr. Jensen – Mr. Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Jensen – I didn't catch what Mr. Barfield said he was suffering from.

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead, Mr. Barfield.

Mr. Barfield – I was suffering from POTS, sir.

Mr. Jensen – POTS, P-O-T-S?

Mr. Barfield – Yes, sir. POTS.

Mr. Jensen – Okay.

Mr. Quinn – Mr. Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead, Mr. Quinn.

Mr. Quinn – Mr. Barfield, from what I read, you finished school, you have a college degree. You've passed both sides of the National Boards, and you've completed three (3) quarters of your internship.

Mr. Barfield – Yes, sir.

Mr. Quinn – So, what you're really asking for is the ability to complete your internship, you already have a job, so that then you can get your funeral director's license and make this your career.

Mr. Barfield – Sir, I'm not even asking for continuation off the years back. I'd be okay with starting fresh. This is my passion. The main {inaudible} that brought me back into it was back in 2024 when my niece unexpected passed and my sister asked for me to be a part of me {inaudible} and preparing her body, and seeing how much my family, friends, extended family responded was the final push that this is my passion that I wish to do the rest of my life.

Mr. Quinn – Thank you. Mr. Chair, a follow-up question? Maybe this is for Ms. Simon or Ms. Aikens, but if we approve to grant this waiver, does he go back and have the ability to do his one-year internship and then apply for his funeral director's license.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – If the petition is granted, there's a remaining application for concurrent intern license. So, what that means is he would begin his internship anew. Mr. Barfield said he was okay to start this anew. So, after four (4) more quarters, if that's what the Board finds, he will be ready for his funeral director's license. But it's up to the Board at this point.

Mr. Quinn – Thank you. I'd like to allow him to do another year of internship and then potentially get his funeral director's license. I think we're looking for good quality people in our industry.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Quinn. Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Just a point of clarification from Ms. Simon. He didn't mention that he still needs to take the Florida Laws and Rules exam, but that would come along with the new application for the license after he completes the internship, correct?

Ms. Simon – Yes, sir. This isn't the application for a concurrent license, full licensure. This is an application for an internship licensure.

Mr. Jensen – Yes, I just heard you mention at the end of his internship he would get his license, but I would assume there are some other steps there and I would also agree with Mr. Quinn. We need to give this young man a chance. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Jensen. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – And we're only talking about the petition right now, right?

Mr. Quinn – Yes, ma'am. That's what you asked for. Correct? Two (2) separate motions?

Ms. Simon – Yes, sir. Thank you.

MOTION: Mr. Quinn moved to approve the petition. Ms. Liotta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application for a new internship. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Barfield for being here. Good luck.

Mr. Barfield – Thank you. I appreciate all of you.

T. Contract(s) or Other Related Form(s)

(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

(a) Preneed Sales Agreement

1. Independent Funeral Directors of Florida Inc (IFDF) (Tallahassee)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative on the call? Hearing no response. IFDF submits the revised cemetery and preneed sales agreements within your packets for approval: Cemetery Interment Rights, Merchandise and Services Purchase Agreement (Form CE1) and Preneed Funeral Agreements (Form G01 and G02). If approved, these agreements will be used for the sale of preneed by various preneed main licensees. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that two (2) full-sized print-ready copies of the revised cemetery and preneed sales agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) days of the Final Order entered in this matter.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the preneed sales agreement subject to the condition that two (2) full-size, print-ready copies of the revised preneed sales agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) days of the Final Order entered in this matter. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(b) Trust Agreement

1. Pensacola Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home Inc (F019224) (Pensacola)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative on the call today?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, Wendy Wiener.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Ms. Wiener. In accordance with s. 497.266, Florida Statutes, PMGFH hereby submits the revised cemetery care and maintenance trust agreement for approval. This restated trust agreement is for the trusting of cemetery funds to be utilized for the perpetual care and maintenance of the above-named cemetery. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that Licensee removes the wording “Irrevocable Agreement” from Page 1 as it seems to conflict with what is stated in accordance with s. 497.458 (1) (c), F.S. concerning trust agreements as revocable instruments entered into between a trustor and trustee; and with language as further stated within the trust agreement itself on Page 2, Section 4.5.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Wiener?

Ms. Wiener – I am here to address the Board. That is super wrong. All care and maintenance trust agreements have to be irrevocable. You cannot have a revocable trust agreement. It is a perpetual care agreement, endowment care trust agreement. I think what happened is the Division got on the wrong line of thinking. S. 497.458 is about preneed, not about care and maintenance. And maintenance trusts are all irrevocable. I looked at the last twelve (12) care and maintenance trust that I have submitted to this Board, all of which have been {inaudible} all irrevocable. Every one of them. There has never been a question arose. We’ve addressed this issue with staff a number of times. I don’t know how it’s falling on deaf ears, but you certainly don’t want a trust agreement meant to travel in perpetuity with a cemetery for ever and ever and ever to be something that someone could revoke. The provision in the trust that is being referred to is the capacity to apply a successor trustee. That’s different than revoking a trust. Revoking a trust means trust goes, money comes out. That is not what Florida Law means, or any state’s law, with regard to care and maintenance or endowment care perpetual care trust. So, that condition should be dropped. This trust should be approved.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Wiener. Board, any questions?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, I have a question. I would like to know the Department’s response to that because I tend to agree with Ms. Wiener that you don’t want it irrevocable where someone can take the money out of trust. You want it to stay in there. So, I’d like to hear what the Department has to say about it.

Ms. Simon – In our view, even though the last twelve (12) have been approved, we’re looking at this one today. Staff and I reviewed the contract and if it’s through the trust, it’s a trusted trust and cannot be {inaudible}. It’s there for the care and maintenance of the cemetery no matter what it’s named, revocable or irreconcilable. It’s our understanding that the contract could be revocable, because it needs to run freely with the cemetery. If somebody were to buy the cemetery later on, this trust could not go with the cemetery. That’s my understanding. This trust could not go with the cemetery if it was considered irrevocable. That was the concern of the Division.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Ms. Wiener?

Ms. Wiener – It’s actually just the opposite. If you make it revocable, then the new owners of the cemetery could decide that they were going to revoke the trust. They would have to come and maybe get permission or something. It’s not even a contemplated scenario in the law because care and maintenance trusts are irrevocable. They run with the land. They stay with the cemetery for the benefit of the cemetery’s care in perpetuity. To look at the preneed law, which requires a revocable trust agreement, apply that to the care and maintenance of a cemetery, which may change hands from time to time. The reason we don’t want to make these trusts revocable; cemeteries can go from being licensed cemeteries to unlicensed cemeteries. You can take your cemetery out of licensed status. There’s a whole provision in the chapter for it. Under that circumstance, if that trust

was irrevocable, in theory, the new owners of the trust, if the cemetery was exempt, could take all of the money out and then we all know what happens when cemeteries are abandoned. It's a problem not just in Florida, but all over the country. To me, this goes without saying, and it is, I think, an incredibly dangerous precedent to set to approve a care and maintenance trust and it's not irrevocable.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Wiener. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – It's my understanding that you cannot take money out of the trust of a care and maintenance cemetery unless it is approved by the Board. {Inaudible} That is why we are stating our position. Whatever the Board wishes to do, but it's more to protect the cemetery. However, the Board wishes to do that is acceptable to the Division.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – I think we're all trying to get to the same place here. Ms. Wiener is protecting the cemetery, Ms. Simon is sort of protecting the cemetery, and I'm for perpetual care of the cemetery. Is there some way amongst all of the lawyers here that we can clean up the language so that everyone can understand it?

Ms. Aikens – If I may? Just to simplify, a revocable trust can be changed or canceled at any time. So, we have that knowledge, and an irrevocable trust cannot. So, if you want the trust to run with the cemetery, then you would want a trust that could not be canceled even if it changes hands.

Ms. Wiener – I think what you're saying is you would want that trust irrevocable.

Ms. Aikens – Right.

Ms. Wiener – I'm asking that the Board approve the trust agreement without the stated condition. It should not be changed. It should be approved as submitted.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Wiener.

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the preneed sales agreement subject to the condition that two (2) full-size, print-ready copies of the revised preneed sales agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) of this Board meeting. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you, Board.

U. Petition to Establish Rehabilitation and Qualify for Licensure

- (1) Recommended for Denial**
- (a) Sweeting, Calvin**

Ms. Simon – Is Mr. Sweeting or a representative of Mr. Sweeting on the call today?

Vice Chair Clark – He's listed on the attendees. Hearing none. Go ahead, Ms. Simon.

Ms. Simon – On June 30, 2016, the Petitioner appeared before the Board for a Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes. The allegations in this matter were that the Petitioner was convicted of Knowingly Possessing, Issuing, Causing to be Issued, Selling, Submitting, or Offering a Fraudulent Training Certificate. This crime is a third-degree felony and is related to the practice, or the ability to practice, the licensee's profession or occupation. According to the minutes, the Board permanently revoked the Petitioner's license. However, the Order in this matter reflects only that the Petitioner's license was revoked. Since publishing the agenda, the Division received one (1) more letter of recommendation, identical to others in the packet, but this one's signed by David Lennon. Section 497.153(5)(b), Florida Statutes, provides that, *"The Board may by order on a case-by-case basis specify that a revocation is permanent and that no future application for licensure under this Chapter by the revoked person or entity shall be accepted, processed, or approved. In no event shall any person or entity who has been revoked under this section subsequently be issued the same or other licensure under this*

Chapter unless such person shall show by clear and convincing evidence that the person or entity has been rehabilitated and otherwise qualifies for the licensure applied for."

I am concerned that at one time Mr. Sweeting may have been muted, because of noise. Mr. Sweeting is here. I apologize. Mr. Sweeting, if you could raise your right hand to be sworn in. Please state your name and spell your last name for the record. We can't hear you, sir.

Vice Chair Clark – We can't hear you, sir.

Ms. Simon – If I may go on while his computer is changed. The Division's response to this Motion for Rehabilitation is that because Mr. Sweeting's license was permanently revoked, the statute says that he can no longer apply for licensure, any licensure, before the Board. That's what the statute specifically says. So, the rehabilitation is not relevant. That is the position of the Division. Mr. Sweeting, why don't you try one more time, sir.

Mr. Calvin Sweeting – Hello?

Ms. Simon – Yes, we hear you. Why don't I swear Mr. Sweeting in? Is that acceptable, Mr. Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Clark – Yes, Ms. Simon.

Ms. Simon – Please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Sweeting – I do.

Ms. Simon – Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Mr. Sweeting – Calvin Sweeting, S-W-E-E-T-I-N-G.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Sweeting. Would you like to address the Board?

Mr. Sweeting – Yes, I would like to address the Board, if I could.

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead, sir.

Mr. Sweeting – Just a second.

Ms. LaTonya Bryant – Mr. Chair, Mr. Jensen was kicked out of the meeting, but he is trying to reconnect.

Ms. Simon – We still have a quorum, Mr. Vice Chair. We have six (6) individuals. Oh, wait a minute. I'm sorry. We have five (5), and we do need a quorum. Is there a Board member on the phone? I'm concerned. Can we pause for Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Sweeting – May I speak now

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Sweeting, one of our Board members got disconnected. We're just waiting for him to reconnect, if you'll give us just a moment.

Mr. Sweeting – I'll give you all the time you like.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, sir.

Ms. Simon – Mr. Vice Chair, I think that people are experiencing problems trying to get back into the meeting. I think it may be appropriate for us to restart the meeting, because the people that are trying to get back into the meeting are hearing that the organizer needs to restart the meeting. So, is it possible that we can terminate this call and everyone sign back into the meeting? I don't know what else to do because we do not have a quorum.

Vice Chair Clark – Yes, I'm fine with that. So, we're going to take a break for everyone to log off and then log back into the meeting.

Ms. Simon – Yes, why don't we say, ten (10) minutes and we all log back into the meeting.

Vice Chair Clark – We'll resume the meeting at 3:10. Mr. Sweeting, you'll need to log out and then log back in. We'll meet again at 3:10.

Mr. Sweeting – Ok. Thank you very much.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you.

*****BREAK*****

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – The matter we were calling was the matter of Calvin Sweeting. On June 30, 2016, the Petitioner appeared before the Board for a Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes. The allegations in this matter were that the Petitioner was convicted of Knowingly Possessing, Issuing, Causing to be Issued, Selling, Submitting, or Offering a Fraudulent Training Certificate. This crime is a third-degree felony and is related to the practice, or the ability to practice, the licensee's profession or occupation. According to the minutes, the Board permanently revoked the Petitioner's license. However, the Order in this matter reflects only that the Petitioner's license was revoked. Since publishing the agenda, the Division received one (1) more letter of recommendation, identical to others in the packet, but this one's signed by David Lennon. The position of the Department is that when an individual's license is permanently revoked that means permanently revoked, and that is confirmed by statute. So, whether an individual is able to establish rehabilitation is irrelevant. The reason why the Petitioner is coming forward in this way is because before he spends the effort of submitting an application for new licensure and the costs that go along with that, we decided to take this first step to see if the Board would even consider the Petition to Establish Rehabilitation to consider whether he has established that. Is that sufficient?

Ms. Clay – It's sufficient for me. Thank you.

Ms. Simon – You're welcome.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Clay. Can you hear me, Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – I can hear you.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you. We've already sworn in Mr. Sweeting. Mr. Sweeting, can you hear us?

Mr. Sweeting – Yes, I can hear you well.

Vice Chair Clark – Okay. Mr. Sweeting, it's now appropriate for you to address the Board, sir, so you can go ahead.

Mr. Sweeting – Okay. Good morning, Chair and members of the Board. Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today. I understand that the purpose of this hearing is not to re-litigate the past, the facts are known, and the Board has already made its decision regarding my misconduct. I appear before you today, to accept responsibility, to demonstrate rehabilitation, and respectfully ask the Board to consider whether I have earned a second opportunity. Before beginning, respectively, I request the Board member, Ms. Gail Thomas, not participate in my case. Ms. Thomas attended mortuary school

with me and has known me for many years. I do not question her fairness, integrity or professionalism. My concern is solely the appearance of impartiality and submitting this request with utmost respect for both Ms. Thomas and the Board.

I accept full responsibility for mistakes that led me to lose my professional license. I understand today that the responsibility a professional license rests entirely with license holder, regardless of the action of others. I was accountable for ensuring all professional activities conducted under my license complied with law and standards of my profession. I do not offer excuses. I do not seek to shift blame. I acknowledge that mistakes were made, and I accept responsibility for them. The years since the loss of my license have provided me with significant time for reflection. I have learned that professional trust is earned through honesty, accountability, oversight, and personal responsibility. I understand families place tremendous trust in licensed professionals and deserve the highest standard of conduct. The experience taught me important lessons about accountability, leadership and professional responsibility that I carry with me every day. The most important lesson learned is that a license is a privilege, not a right. I learned that professionals cannot delegate responsibility even when others are involved, the licensed individual remains accountable for ensuring the standards are followed. These lessons have shaped my conduct and my approach to serving others during the many years since my license was revoked.

Although I lost my license, I never stopped trying to contribute positively to my community. I spent years helping others through education, mentorship and community involvement. I assisted in recruiting students for security training program for my daughter, which runs the school and encouraged individuals to pursue lawful employment opportunities and professional development. I have worked with people seeking to improve their lives, obtain professional certification and become productive members of society. Serving others has helped me demonstrate through actions that I committed to responsible with ethical conduct. My rehabilitation demonstrated not by words alone, by many years of lawful, productive, and responsible conduct. For more than fifteen (15) years, I have maintained compliance with legal requirements, avoid further misconduct and focus on helping others. My life today reflects stability and responsibility and commitment to ethical behavior. I respectfully submit that my actions over extended period demonstrate genuine rehabilitation. I have complied with the requirements imposed upon me and I have requested the decision of Board and courts. I understand the importance of following professional regulation and maintaining public confidence in licensed professionals. I have also pursued restoration of my civil rights through the clemency process. While I understand clemency does not determine the outcome of this proceeding, it reflects my continued efforts to demonstrate rehabilitation, accountability, and good citizenship.

I understand there may be questions regarding Ms. Butler or other individuals connected to the events that led to my disciplinary action. My response is simple and consistent. Regardless of actions of others, I accept responsibility for my own conduct and for matters that occurred under my professional authority. I am not here to blame others. I am here to accept responsibility and also demonstrate that I have learned from those mistakes. I respectfully ask that the Board to consider individuals who know me today and who can speak to my character, rehabilitation and commitment to serving others. Their support reflects the person I have become and trust I have rebuilt within my community. Members of the Board, this profession trust me before and I honored that trust. I understand that public protection is your highest responsibility. I cannot change the past, but I can demonstrate who I am today. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Board grant my petition and provide me with a second opportunity to serve the public and the profession omnipotently. Thank you for your time, consideration, and opportunity to appear before you today.

Ms. Simon – Board members, we're here to decide at this moment the petition to establish rehabilitation.

Ms. Clay – May I ask some questions, Mr. Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Yes.

Ms. Clay – Thank you very much, Mr. Vice Chair. Mr. Sweeting, thank you so much for appearing before us. I just have a few questions. You initially started out your statement by indicating that someone should be exempt from making a decision regarding your licensure and I didn't recognize the name. And I believe you said that person was a member of the Board.

Mr. Sweeting – As that was long ago when this first happened, her name was Gail Thomas, and I didn't know whether she was...well, I wouldn't say that because I did speak to Ms. Simon and she told me the person is no longer there. But maybe for my assurance, I thought I would say that anyway.

Ms. Clay – Thanks for clearing that up for me. What are you currently doing since you don't have a license?

Mr. Sweeting – I don't have a license, but my daughter runs a security school and I'm not a teacher or anything like that. I recruit people for her school so they can manage to make way for their family and themselves.

Ms. Clay – So you're not working for a firm now?

Mr. Sweeting – I'm just helping my daughter.

Ms. Clay – Okay. And then my final question, Mr. Chair, if I may continue? Regarding your definition of rehabilitation, how do you feel you fulfilled the term of rehabilitation?

Mr. Sweeting – Well, I feel like I did a lot of rehabilitation. For one thing, I have a fiancée that have a father that is a 100% disabled veteran. And both me and her take care of him around the house, cook and things that he needs or whatever, take him to the doctor and stuff like that. And also, I kept active. I help students who are first time drivers to get their drug and alcohol certificates, so they could be, you know, get their license. And also, I have four, I did a four, I have them do, I have other people that currently drive cars for our course that could improve their driving and pay less money for their preneed insurance.

Ms. Clay – Mr. Chair, may I follow up?

Vice Chair Clark – Yes.

Ms. Clay – So what you've described to me is things you're doing in the community, not how you've rehabbed from the causes for you not being licensed currently. So, I'm just wondering how you've rehabbed from what those charges that ended you up before us today are.

Mr. Sweeting – Because, you know, I had a big reflection on how long I've been without a license and anything that I do, I try to do it in a proper manner, proper way, doing it with I'm accountability and I've rehabilitated myself to be a good person. And also, I'm very active in church and stuff like that. And I'm also a minister and I get to preach sometimes if that means anything.

Ms. Clay – Thank you very much.

Mr. Ferreira – Mr. Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Clay. Mr. Ferreira, go ahead.

Mr. Ferreira – Yes. Ms. Simon, so when we started out with the cover sheet, it was mentioned that this act of establishing rehabilitation is based on the statute. It's not even something that we should be, I wouldn't say talking about, but we shouldn't be acting upon it. Is that kind of what I was understanding?

Ms. Aikens – If I can speak to that?

Chair Peeples – Mr. Clark, if you don't mind, if you'll just continue on, please as Chair.

Vice Chair Clark – Ok. Go ahead, Ms. Aikens.

Ms. Aikens – So yes, I think that was stated improperly. So, the statute states that the Board may specify by Final Order on a case-by-case basis, the period of time that must elapse before a revoked licensee may apply or reapply for any licensure under this Chapter. The Final Order in his case did not put a permanent revocation or ban from relicensure. It just said that his license was revoked. So, it didn't specify as required by statute in the Order to put any parameters around the revocation of his license. So, he is allowed to reapply. He is allowed to show rehabilitation.

Vice Chair Clark – Ok. Go ahead, Mr. Ferreira.

Mr. Ferreira – So in the minutes, it did It did say permanent revocation.

Ms. Aikens – So that would need to be something that needs to be fixed because this is a Final Order that has been filed and if according to the minutes, it doesn't reflect what the Board voted upon, then I want to say another order would need to be filed. But it's hard to say because we have minutes versus something that's filed.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Aikens. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – I was concerned about that too. However, I brought up my concerns with other attorneys involved in this matter. The minutes, however, we don't have simply minutes that are a summary. We have minutes that are actually minute by minute and transcribed. And in this case, while the order was written inaccurately because it said revoked, the minutes clearly establish that the individual's license was permanently revoked at that time. So regardless of, I hate to say this, I'm not sure what the status is, but regardless of what the order says, the minutes say he was permanently revoked. And because he was permanently revoked, I think the reading of the statute is a little different.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Ms. Aikens?

Ms. Aikens – I was just going to say this would be something that because I'm, you know, I don't want to make the assumption that Mr. Sweeting petitioned the Board based on what was written in the order. That might be a completely different type of issue that could be addressed with, you know, getting counsel and things of that nature.

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Jensen, go ahead.

Mr. Jensen – Yes, just to kind of piggyback along that. On Page 36 of our packet there is where Mr. Hall made a motion for permanent revocation due to extenuating circumstances. I can't find what the extenuating circumstances were. Am I missing it or can someone help me with that?

Ms. Simon – I'm not sure if the minutes do reflect that. However, that's the result of the offense that was named. One of the options was revocation, permanent revocation, and that was what was found by the Board in this matter, that it was permanent revocation. I'm sorry it's not clearer for the Board. I mean that sincerely. However, that was what the Board found, and that finding was not appealed and there was time to appeal it. Granted the order doesn't say that, but there was time to appeal the order, and it was not.

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Jensen – Just out of pure curiosity I noticed Mr. Jones was on that Board. Do you happen to recall anything about this, Mr. Jones?

Mr. Jones – Not enough to answer your questions. I do not. Sorry.

Mr. Jensen – Thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Peeples, go ahead.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. And I'm glad I was able to connect back. On Page 41 of 96 of the PDF packet, from that meeting in May of 2016, under the memorandum, it states that on or about April 8, 2016, the Department filed an Administrative Complaint alleging that the Respondent, Mr. Sweeting, a licensed funeral director and embalmer, was convicted in the Miami Dade Circuit Court and it lists the items there. That may have been the extenuating circumstances, Mr. Jensen, but we can only assume because we don't have any kind of reference for that. So that's kind of where when I was reviewing the packet, I kind of looked at that that could be the extenuating circumstances and it did state on Page 35 of 96 that there was permanent revocation, but Ms. Aikens has said, you know, we're in kind of that gray area. Thank you, Mr. Clark.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Chair Peeples.

Mr. Jensen – And if I may, Mr. Clark? Ms. Peeples, do you recall, it vaguely mentions the funeral business but was this certificate something to do with funeral business or was it driving school or what was it?

Ms. Simon – Mr. Clark?

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead.

Ms. Simon – May I suggest we ask Mr. Sweeting that since he's been sworn in?

Mr. Sweeting – It didn't have anything to do with funeral service. It had something to do with training people that get their D-licensed in security, security school. It didn't have anything to do with that. And even with the situation that I had disciplinary action, I just wanted to let you know that I even, not with that particular project, it was when I was working for someone funeral home. And what happened is I even went to court and got a judgment on that person. And it was in my favor. It wasn't all about the money. I just want to clear all the wrong doings. That's all I want to do.

Mr. Jensen – So, Mr. Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Sweeting. Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, just to try to I'm trying to get this in simple terms for my mind here. So, Mr. Sweeting, you're stating that basically your license was permanently revoked because of something that had nothing to do with funeral business and was not a financial crime. Is that what your contention is?

Mr. Sweeting – It didn't have anything to do with funeral business. It was in the security business that I was in.

Mr. Jensen – Are we talking about securities as in stocks and bonds? Or are we talking about security protecting Mr. Clark's bank vault?

Mr. Sweeting – Protecting his vault.

Mr. Jensen – Okay.

Ms. Simon – If I may? A conviction of a fraudulent crime, we have discussed this in the past. Fraud is directly related to the practice. So, while the crime itself, you might say no, but any crime that involves fraud, in the past, we have said that that is directly delayed.

Mr. Sweeting – If I could talk, I must say this. After the case, actually agriculture brought me a box of identities that I wasn't even involved with. A big box of all kind of people's identities. I was just frustrated. I didn't even ask my lawyer about anything. I just was so frustrated. I rode them in my car, and I saw a dumpster, and I just dumped them in the dumpster. But if my mind was in good shape, I could most likely go back to court and show them the box that they gave me. They gave me a box of IDs that I had no part of. I didn't even tell my lawyer that this day because the lawyer, I don't think he was a very good lawyer.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Sweeting. Mr. Jensen, do you have anything else?

Mr. Jensen – I mean, I do. I still don't quite understand what went on here, what it was. Usually, you just follow the money in a situation like this, but if there wasn't, I understand it was fraud, but it certainly means more to me if it had something to do with funeral business or taking money from consumers in the funeral business. So, I'm just trying to get a clarification of what these extenuating circumstances might have been, so that's it. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Sweeting – Just like I said I don't want to blame nobody but myself And I just got rehabilitated behind all those years that I've been away from the field that I like.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Sweeting. Board, any other questions?

Ms. Liotta – I have a quick question.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – What exactly are we being asked to do here?

Mr. Jensen – Good question.

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – We're being asked to find that Mr. Sweeting has been rehabilitated and qualifies for licensure. That was step one of the two-tier process that will take place. Now, again, I've stated the position of the Division. I had previously spoken with counsel about amending the Order, and I was told that might not be the best idea. So that is why that hasn't happened. But the minutes reflect the permanent revocation. And I understand what Mr. Jensen is saying. But the Board at that time, with the facts in front of them, found that Mr. Sweeting's license should be permanently revoked. That's what they found. So, second-guessing things now, and I'm not saying that that's necessarily, I'm not saying you're wrong, Mr. Jensen. What I'm saying is this is what the Board decided then, and Mr. Sweeting mentioned Gail Thomas-Dewitt, and the reason he mentioned that is because she was on the Board at the time. And the Board was a different makeup. But at the time, that was the order, the permanent revocation of this person's license. And when somebody is permanently revoked, regardless of whether they establish rehabilitation, it is not relevant. And I'm not sure, even if based on what we're talking about now, I'm not sure that what Mr. Sweeting has said has established rehabilitation in this particular matter. And I really don't know how the Board has interpreted that.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – So, I understand what Ms. Simon's saying. But, you know, in this country, I mean, we're talking, we're what, ten (10) years out now? So, I mean, we even have career criminals that get paroled after ten (10) years. You know, so I mean, I don't want to deny Mr. Sweeting, but I don't want to go against the Board. And if we were a parole board sitting here, we would want to know the extenuating circumstances. So, there is my problem because I feel like that's what we are right now is basically a parole board asking has he been rehabilitated or not. I don't know that I got enough information for that but you know knowing the circumstances would certainly you know probably shed some sort of light on that so that's why I'm asking because there's always extenuating circumstances and there must be a reason that Mr. Hall back then moved for permanent revocation of his license, so I just would like to find that out. Is there no way to find that out?

Ms. Simon – There may be a chance to find out about the crime, but I don't know that that's relevant right now. We've already described what the crime is, but no, we take it as what it was. The Board had permanent revocation, and this is not a matter of parole. This is a matter that is not linked because it's not the crime that we're talking about. The crime's already been adjudicated. He's already been convicted. In that state, that was not appealed. So, we're not looking at a clemency type of action. That wouldn't work. I don't think that's analogous to this, but I understand what you're saying, Mr. Jensen.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Mr. Jensen, I would just point out on Page 77, which is the cover sheet for the investigation, you were looking for more information. It just states that Mr. Sweeting was convicted of a third-degree felony for selling false weapon certifications and failed to notify the Division. So, there's a little more information, at least for your consideration. Ms. Liotta, and then I'll call Ms. Clay. Ms. Liotta, go ahead.

Ms. Liotta – I think from what I'm hearing from Ms. Simon, I'm confused why it's even in front of us. I guess that's my main confusion is if it's so clear cut, then why are we even here?

Vice Chair Clark – Go ahead, Ms. Simon.

Ms. Simon – I'll tell you why we're here. It's because the instruction that we've received is when we get a motion, that has to be brought in front of the Board.

Ms. Liotta – Okay.

Vice Chair Clark – Anything else, Ms. Liotta?

Ms. Liotta – No.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you. Ms. Clay?

Ms. Clay – So I joined those who are somewhat confused about what our task is right now. If we're talking about rehabilitation, then that means that we're focusing on whether or not Mr. Sweeting has built or has rebuilt the necessary skills to retain or return to his profession. I, too, remain kind of confused because how do we measure that? And is there such a thing as being rehabbed for this particular profession? And from all indications, we're not addressing that. And so, I'm just stating that I joined those on the team of confusion at this time.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Clay. Mr. Quinn?

Mr. Quinn – Just to follow up on that, I think the evidence of rehabilitation, in my opinion, is kind of thin. There's no certificates of continuing education in funeral service, no evidence of supervised work in our profession, no ethics counseling. And, you know, if I'm correct, the legal standard here is clear and convincing evidence of rehabilitation. And based on what I read in the packet, the evidence feels more sympathetic than it does legally sufficient. Thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Quinn. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – I'm not sure if this will clear up confusion, but the last time we had an incident like this, there was question as to interpretation of the law. There was question regarding that and what the Board did was the Board made a decision on the rehabilitation, and the rehabilitation answered the question. But in this case, I don't think that we get to the rehabilitation, but regardless, I would want the Board to make a determination as to the rehabilitation in this matter, because that is what is being asked. Whether it's legally sufficient or not, regardless, let's just say for a moment, and this hypothetical land that rehabilitation must be proven right now, okay? So, we could get to the rehabilitation question. It's whatever the Board chooses to do. The last time that only discussion was, well, we haven't seen that this person is rehabilitated. I realize you do not have a lot of legal standards to follow, and I can't assist you with that. However, I could suggest how the Board should move on with this at this point.

Mr. Jensen – Mr. Vice Chair?

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Jensen, go ahead then I'll get to Ms. Aikens.

Mr. Jensen – Yes and you know based on what Ms. Simon has said and I know that Ms. Clay has some experience in this, so maybe Ms. Clay could help me. I mean, I certainly don't feel qualified to decide if someone's rehabilitated or not. You know, I'm a funeral director. So, Ms. Clay, what is the standard of showing someone's been rehabilitated? Or is there such a standard?

Ms. Clay – I don't know what the standard is for this per se, but those things that Mr. Quinn brought to our attention are substantial reasons to determine whether a person's rehabilitated.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Ms. Clay. Mr. Jensen, anything further?

Mr. Jensen – No, I just, yes, I'm just looking for something, you know, a line in the sand here and I just can't seem to find it. So, thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you. Ms. Aikens, did you want to address that?

Ms. Aikens – Yes. Not to put words in anyone's mouth, but I believe that two (2) of your Board members have eloquently put some factors on the record to establish whether there's rehabilitation or not. And that can be used as a basis to make a decision.

Mr. Sweeting – Can I say something?

Vice Chair Clark – Ms. Clay?

Ms. Clay – But my question now is for staff, is there an established protocol for the determination of rehabilitation?

Ms. Simon – There is nothing in our rules or statutes that provide that.

Ms. Clay – Thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – Let's let the Chairwoman speak first.

Vice Chair Clark – Chair Peeples, go ahead.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Ferreira, Mr. Clark. The one thing that concerned me was that a lot of these letters of recommendation or referral for Mr. Sweeting just have people's names. It was the same one over and over and to me, someone needs to speak in their own words, not have it prewritten and then just insert because he could have and we don't know this, which we do have him here with us today. But that was a concern of mine. But as Mr. Quinn had also relayed, I do not see as a Board member that rehabilitation has been completed because I don't see any proof of what he's done or whether he's completed any classes or ethics or things of this nature. So that's what concerns me and why most likely I will be in a denial of his reconsideration for our Motion for Rehabilitation. Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Chair Peeples. Mr. Sweeting, I'll be with you in just one moment. Mr. Ferreira, go ahead.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to deny the petition. Chair Peeples seconded the motion.

Ms. Aikens – Can whoever made the motion put your basis for denial on the record?

Mr. Ferreira – My basis is that there is no proof in my mind that rehabilitation has been.

Ms. Aikens – So, things like that was mentioned earlier by Mr. Quinn, like no CEs, no supervised work?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Aikens – Okay.

Mr. Ferreira – Yes, ma'am.

Vice Chair Clark – Chair Peeples?

Mr. Sweeting – May I say something?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Clark. I was going to just make a comment to Ms. Aikens, and I don't know if Mr. Ferreira so kind to amend his motion, but we're following the original Final Order with also the minutes that are included in our packet that said it was permanent revocation. So, Mr. Ferreira, would you kindly amend your motion?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes ma'am.

Chair Peeples – And I'll kind of second that to give you a couple of more items, Ms. Aikens. Thank you.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you so much. Mr. Sweeting, we do have a motion and a second. However, I did acknowledge you before that motion. Go ahead and address the Board, and then we're going to vote.

Mr. Sweeting – You were saying that I didn't have no type of rehabilitation, but I did do some classes, like the speech to communicate with clients well, if I ever get that opportunity. And I also did anatomy and physiology with getting grades like a B. So therefore, I did do some rehabilitation to just try to improve myself.

Vice Chair Clark – Thank you, Mr. Sweeting. We do have a motion to deny, and it's been seconded. Any discussion on the motion? All those in favor say Aye.

Board members [Unison] – Aye.

Vice Chair Clark – And any opposed? And that motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Sweeting. Chair Peeples, would you like to take over?

Chair Peeples – Sure, I'll be glad to. Thank you, Mr. Clark. I appreciate that. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Yes, ma'am.

V. Related Items

(1) *Pyramid Monument Services, LLC (Ocala)*

(a) *Recommended for Approval with Conditions*

1. *Application(s) for Monument Establishment Retailer*

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today? Hearing no response. A new application for a monument establishment retail licensure was received on April 24, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on May 15, 2026. A background check of the principal, Ms. Vidhy Balasubramanian and Ms. Saravanan Rasappan, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Clay moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. *Monument Sales Agreement(s)*

Ms. Simon – The Division recommends approval with the condition that two (2) full-size print-ready copies are received by the Department within sixty (60) days of this Board meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the preneed sales agreement subject to the condition that two (2) full-size, print-ready copies of the revised preneed sales agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) days of this Board meeting. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(2) *Rock of Ages Sandblasting, LLC (Vero Beach)*

(a) *Recommended for Approval with Conditions*

1. Application(s) for Monument Establishment Builder

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity on the call today?

Mr. Blake Caudill – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir. A new application for a monument establishment builder licensure was received on April 8, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on May 14, 2026. A background check of the principal, Mr. Blake D. Caudill, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Who is representing this entity today, please?

Mr. Caudill – Blake Caudill.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Ms. Liotta moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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W. Executive Director's Report ***(1) Operational Report (Verbal)***

Ms. Simon – At this point, I'll turn the meeting over to Mary Schwantes, our Executive Director.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you, Board members and those attending. Thank you all for your patience during this meeting. It's been a long one, as the June meetings often are, and has not been helped with the technological problems we've had. We very much appreciate your patience during all of it.

On a legislative update, we talked earlier about the Agency Bill, SB1452. That bill is the one that establishes better guidelines on how to handle applicants who have criminal history. And that passed, as you know, but has not yet been signed by the Governor. It was presented to the Governor, signed off by the Legislature, and presented to the Governor on the 15th of June. He must act on it by June 30th, so we hope to have something on that soon. It is the one you may recall that did not have the effective July 1st date that so many bills have. And that may, we don't know, but that may be one reason why it's later in the session, in the year I should say, for this to be presented to the Governor. So, hopefully we'll hear something soon on that, and with the approval that the Board gave earlier, we will be filing a Notice of Rule Development on the new rule that the Committee recommended to the Board.

A follow-up regarding the financial statements. Last month, we presented all the financial statements. Looking at the Regulatory Trust Fund Balance Sheet, the very last line shown on that statement was for total expenditures, which were for accounting adjustments, and it had parentheses defining it as "prior year certified reversions and other adjustments." For reference, if needed, if you need it, the Regulatory Trust Fund Balance Sheet is included with the Executive Director's Report in the minutes from the May 7th Board meeting, which is Page 50 of those minutes, which you approved earlier. I don't know that you'll need to go back to that, but just in case you do, you'll find that there. Mr. Jensen asked why the amounts are so

much and if they involve mistakes, and I promised to follow up on that question this month. As I explained in May, these accounting adjustments are made by the Department's Accounting Offices. They're not something that are within control of this Division. I have confirmed with our accounting office that these do not involve mistakes. They are the end of the year reconciliations adjustments made for certified forward reversions and let me explain that. When we have a contract when we enter a new contract with an outside entity and I'll just use this year as an example in which we had a contract with actuaries to prepare a report for us on our long-term financing needs. And those contracts need to be finished, usually, by fiscal year end, which is June 30th. If for some reason the project cannot be completed by then, it is called certified forward. And so, we're able to extend the term of the contract a little bit further as long as we pay it, and usually September is the deadline on that. And so, these are accounting revisions that are made as a result of those changes that occur right around the fiscal year-end. The adjustments are made for certified forward reversions, which is, again, budget that's rolled forward for current year expenditures but was not spent from June 30th to September 30th. And they also include adjustments made by accounting to reconcile financial statements. That is the best information I was able to get on this, and I hope that that addresses that question. I think that that was the only question that came up that required follow-up, but of course if any of you at any time have any questions about the statements or any other issues regarding finances, please give me a call.

(2) 2027 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule (Action)

Ms. Schwantes – This is the proposed meeting schedule for Board meetings for calendar year 2027.

2027 Board Meeting Schedule (Tentative)		
January	February	March
Thursday, January 7, 2027 Videoconference https://meet.goto.com/lbryantparker/Board-Videoconference-January-7-2027	Thursday, February 4, 2027 Videoconference https://meet.goto.com/lbryantparker/Board-Videoconference-February-4-2027	Thursday, March 4, 2027 Tallahassee FL LOCATION: TBD
April	May	June
Thursday, April 1, 2027 Videoconference https://meet.goto.com/lbryantparker/Board-Videoconference-April-1-2027	Thursday, May 6, 2027 Videoconference https://meet.goto.com/lbryantparker/Board-Videoconference-May-6-2027	DATE: TBD (Week of 21st) FMA Annual Convention LOCATION: TBD
July	August	September
NO MEETING	Thursday, August 5, 2027 Videoconference https://meet.goto.com/lbryantparker/Board-Videoconference-August-5-2027	Thursday, September 2, 2027 Videoconference https://meet.goto.com/lbryantparker/Board-Videoconference-September-2-2027
October	November	December
Thursday, October 7, 2027 Videoconference https://meet.goto.com/lbryantparker/Board-Videoconference-October-7-2027	Thursday, November 4, 2027 Videoconference https://meet.goto.com/lbryantparker/Board-Videoconference-November-4-2027	Thursday, December 2, 2027 Videoconference https://meet.goto.com/lbryantparker/Board-Videoconference-December-2-2027

Included with our Executive Director's Report is the 2027 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule. For the most part, meetings are again scheduled for the first Thursday of each month beginning at 10 a.m. Again, most meetings are by videoconference. As in recent years, we are proposing two (2) meetings that would take place in-person. The first would be on March 4th in Tallahassee around the legislative session. In 2027 that begins in March, and that meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 2027. And the second one is the June 2027 meeting, which is a "to be determined" date sometime during the week of June 21st when we hold one meeting per year in conjunction with one of the association conferences. The next group on the rotation is the Florida Morticians Association (FMA). The FMA meetings always occur right around Father's Day. We know that it's likely to take place sometime the week of June 21st. We just are not sure what date we will be having that Board meeting or where it will be for that matter, because of course, all of that is to be determined at a later time by the FMA. And there will be no Board meeting in July.

Let me go back to the June meeting. That June meeting would be in-person because it's towards the end of June. We think we would be able to have, like we did today, do preneed matters during that in-person meeting. And so that should take care of that where sometimes we're working around different conference schedules, not able to do just one meeting in June or

whatever. Anyway, we're proposing no Board meeting in July. And keep in mind that we need to have regular Rules Committee meetings over the next year as part of the required annual review of rules, but for right now what we're asking is for approval of the proposed Board meeting schedule. And Board action would be needed on that item.

Chair Peeples – Board Members, any questions?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the proposed meeting schedule for 2027. Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, do you have a question, sir?

Mr. Jensen – A question for Ms. Schwantes. She mentioned the meeting in Tallahassee was during the legislative session. Is that correct?

Ms. Schwantes – We normally have been doing one meeting a year in-person around legislative session. And in 2027, the legislative session begins earlier in March. But the Rules Committee meetings will be occurring before that, too.

Mr. Jensen – Right. The reason I bring that up is this last legislative session, we had a meeting in Tallahassee, and I mean, you couldn't find a hotel room for anywhere close to what the stipend is. So, I'm just wondering is it possible to change the timing of that?

Ms. Schwantes – That is completely up to the Board. It's been proposed to be around legislative session because that is what prior Board members at some point within the last few years asked for but it can be at any time. It does not have to be around legislative session.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, because we have the date, we can go ahead and kind of make our reservations now, which may try to get a little ahead of the hotel/motel aspect, you know, waiting like a month out or something of that nature, so that would be an option also, unless you have another suggestion.

Mr. Jensen – I don't have another suggestion. I just know it was pretty tough this last time when we had it during the legislative session because I couldn't figure out what was going on. I thought is there a football game but there wasn't a football game so it was the legislative session that was there and the hotels you know they really jacked their rates up which is not a real big deal because you know thank goodness Mr. Ferreira would cover me but you know it's just something to think about. I don't know if anybody else had that problem.

Chair Peeples – And if I may, Ms. Schwantes, is that an item that maybe Ms. Bryant can work on ahead of time where she might can get with 1 of the hotels as she before so that rooms can be kind of blocked off or we could go ahead and make that reservation. Would that be an option so we can keep this date?

Ms. Schwantes – We can look into that. Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Thank you.

Ms. Schwantes – We could also maybe change the data to a later date too if you'd like but this gives us something to work towards.

Chair Peeples – So we have a motion and we have a second and we've had some discussion. Is there any other discussion on this motion? Hearing none all in favor of the motion say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peeples – All opposed say No. Motion carries.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you. The next full Board meeting will take place in-person in conjunction with the FCCFA Conference in Aventura, Florida on Thursday, July 23rd. I do want to note that that meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Previously on our

website, it said 1 p.m. We have made changes to that. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and I look forward to seeing you all there. And as a reminder, there will not be a Board meeting in August.

However, there will be a Rules Committee meeting by videoconference on Thursday August 6th at 10 a.m. The purpose of that Rules Committee Meeting would be to continue discussions on rulemaking required by SB598, which we call the Association Bill. Seven (7) rules have been identified as requiring changes. We talked about those earlier. Those rules were identified in our earlier report from the June 12th meeting which you all approved. We request that written comments on these rules be submitted two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting, and we'll put a notice about that out on our website. Additionally, during the meeting, we will discuss the five-year plan for the annual review of rules required by section 120.5435, Florida Statutes. The reason for going into the annual review in August is because that means we will be able to submit the recommendations from the Rules Committee that are determined in the August meeting, we'll be able to present them to the Board in September, so the Board can rule on what the five-year plan should be that we then have to again every year now submit to JAPC by October 1st.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Schwantes, if I may? On agenda item CC. Upcoming Meetings, it did say that there would be a videoconference meeting on August 7th. Is that a typographical error?

Ms. Bryant – Yes, ma'am, it is.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Bryant. We appreciate that.

Ms. Schwantes – Thank you. It is going to be on August 6th. And as always, please check our website for details regarding any meetings – Board meetings, or Rules Committee meetings. That ends these portions of the Executive Director's Report. I thank you again, all of you for your time and attention today and always.

(3) Report on Payment of Disciplinary Fines and Costs (Informational)

Ms. Simon – I would like to put some updates regarding this report. StoneMor Florida Subsidiary LLC paid its fine on June 9, 2026. StoneMor Florida Subsidiary LLC, d/b/a Cox-Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory paid its fine on June 12, 2026. Monarch Funeral Home and Cremation Services LLC paid its fine on May 30, 2026. And Beavis Colonial Funeral Home Inc, d/b/a Beavis Funeral Home and Crematory paid its fine on April 24, 2026. This report is informational only.

Monthly Report of Fines and Costs Assessed and Paid Division of Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Services Date of Board meeting: June 25, 2026
Date report was prepared: June 17, 2026

Licensee	Board Meeting	Case No.	Total Fine	Date Due	Paid in Full?	Comments
Harmon Funeral Home	6/7/2026	30484-25-FC	\$1,000			
Stonemor Florida LLC d/b/a Arlington Park Cemetery	6/7/2026	32002-25-FC	\$1,600	6/29/2026	Paid in Full	
Elijah Bell	4/2/2026	361347-25-FC	\$1,260	7/5/2026		
Geronimo Mena Jr.	4/2/2026	349196-25-FC	\$600	7/5/2026		
Jane Benita Roy	4/2/2026	363381-25-FC	\$750	7/5/2026		
Oudes Funeral Home	4/2/2026	361274-25-FC	\$1,000	7/5/2026		
Kristin Jewell	4/2/2026	334982-24-FC	\$600	7/5/2026		
Stonemor Florida Subsidiary LLC	4/2/2026	361336-25-F	\$750	7/5/2026		
Stonemor Florida Subsidiary LLC d/b/a Cox-Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory	4/2/2026	330867-24-FC	\$750	7/5/2026		
Quality Vaults, Inc. d/b/a Quality Vaults and Monuments Inc.	4/2/2026	361271-25-FC	\$1,600	7/5/2026	Paid in Full	
Aable Development, Inc. d/b/a Aaron nd Burney Bivens Funeral Home and Cremation Services	4/2/2026	363686-25-FC	\$1,000	7/5/2026		
Burney Bivens	4/2/2026	363688-25-FC	\$1,000	7/5/2026		
Deliria Holmes	4/2/2026	304107-23-FC & 340495-25-FC	\$6,760	12/5/2026		
Holmes Funeral Directors	4/2/2026	273843-20-FC, 304106-23-FC, & 340493-25-FC	\$8,260	12/5/2026		

Richard Ezell Mason	4/2/2028	278686-21-FC, 306187-23-FC, & 306761-23-FC	\$3,000	7/8/2028		
Travis Gibson	6-Mar-28	361268-25-FC	\$2,600	6/16/2028		
Cremation Services By the Sea LLC	6-Mar-28	363718-25-FC	\$600	6/16/2028		
Michael Gunderud	6-Mar-28	363271-25-FC	\$600	6/16/2028		
Michael O'Brien	6-Mar-28	348976-25-FC	\$1,000	6/16/2028	Paid in Full	
April Cooper	6-Mar-28	347906-25-FC	\$750	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Ruth Madison-Eaves	6-Mar-28	334934-24-FC	\$3,000	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Patrik Cooney	6-Mar-28	311916-23-FC	\$1,000	6/29/2028		
Ganderson Brothers Mortuary	6-Mar-28	330871-24-FC	\$1,750	6/29/2028		
Hall Ferguson and Hewitt Mortuary PA	6-Mar-28	347486-25-FC	\$750	6/29/2028		
Kimberly Rachel Meyers	6-Mar-28	346673-25-FC	\$750	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Northstar Cemetery Services of Florida LLC d/b/a Memorial Park Cemetery	6-Mar-28	287717-21-FC	\$1,000	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Northstar Cemetery Services of Florida LLC d/b/a Woodlawn Memory Gardens	6-Mar-28	287716-21-FC	\$1,000	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Dobies Funeral Home	6-Mar-28	334770-24-FC	\$1,750	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Hudson Chapel Crematory d/b/a Dobies Funeral Home & Crematory	6-Mar-28	334787-24-FC	\$1,600	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Patrik O'Neal	6-Mar-28	33788-24-FC	\$1,600	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Edward Urso	6-Mar-28	334785-24-FC	\$1,750	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Monarch Funeral Home & Cremation Services LLC	6-Mar-28	361267-25-FC	\$1,000	6/29/2028		
William Savino	6-Mar-28	361268-25-FC	\$1,000	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Bell's Funeral Services, d/b/a Bell's Funeral Home and Cremation Services	6-Feb-28	361344-25-FC	\$1,250	6/29/2028		
Milam Funeral Home	6-Feb-28	361268-25-FC	\$750	6/29/2028		
SE Combined Services of Florida LLC d/b/a Caballero Rivero Westchester	6-Feb-28	344177-25-FC	\$1,600	6/29/2028		
Undertaking Grady LLC	6-Feb-28	361276-5-FC	\$750	6/29/2028	Paid in Full	
Bevis Colonial Funeral Home, Inc. d/b/a Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory	6-Feb-28	338290-25-FC	\$1,000	6/21/2028		
Ed Kalis Memorial Services LLC d/b/a Edwards Cremation & Funeral Services	6-Feb-28	348860-25-FC	\$1,600	6/21/2028	Paid in Full	
Harry T. Reid Funeral Home	6-Feb-28	347442-25-FC	\$4,000	6/21/2028	Paid in Full	
Maloney Funeral Home	6-Feb-28	347864-25-FC	\$750			
Evergreen Funeral Home, Inc. d/b/a Evergreen Funeral Home and Crematory	6-Feb-28	347486-25-FC	\$750	6/21/2028	Paid in Full	
Caleb Anderson	6-Feb-28	333887-25-FC	\$750	6/21/2028	Paid in Full	
Ray Williams Funeral Home	1/8/2028	347878-25-FC	\$1,250	6/21/2028	Paid in Full	
Duncan Brothers Funeral Home	1/8/2028	338193-25-FC & 258438-19-FC	\$1,750.00	6/21/2028	Paid in Full	
Phillips Mortuary	1/8/2028	347906-25-FC	\$1,250	6/21/2028	Paid in Full	
Alexander Funeral Home	1/8/2028	347891-25-FC	\$1,600	6/21/2028		
Donathon Cook	1/8/2028	338213-25-FC	\$2,600	6/21/2028		
Jorge Rivero	1/8/2028	344124-25-FC	\$1,000	6/21/2028		
Vior Funeral Home	1/8/2028	344123-25-FC	\$1,000	6/21/2028		
Archer Funeral Home LLC	4-Dec-25	308410-23-FC	\$2,600	2/18/2028		
John Milton	4-Dec-25	308411-23-FC	\$2,600	2/18/2028		
All Points Removal Service	12/4/2025	317084-23-FC	\$7,600	2/18/2028		
Joseph Pindilo	Nov-25	343671-25-FC	\$1,750	2/18/2028		

Pinello Funeral Home	Nov-25	34368-25-FC	\$1,750	2/16/2026		
Smith-Young's Funeral Home	Nov-25	348873-25-FC	\$1,000	2/16/2026		
Anthony White	10/2/2025	338196-25-FC	\$1,600	12/1/2025	Paid in Full	
Ehren Lamar Johnson II	4-Sep-25	334748-24-FC & 343486-25-FC	\$600	11/18/2025		File sent to OOC for administrative action
Johnson & Family Life Celebration Center LLC	4-Sep-25	334714-24-FC & 343278-25-FC	\$1,600	11/18/2025		File sent to OOC for administrative action
Travis Gibson	7-Aug-25	318203-23-FC	\$600	4/14/2026		
Travis Gibson	7-Aug-25	318828-23-FC	\$5,000	4/14/2026		
Trais Gibson	7-Aug-25	318766-23-FC	\$2,600	4/14/2026		
Charles Chestnut IV	8/7/2025	334886-24-FC & 348817-25-FC	\$4,000	11/17/2025	Paid in Full	
Glenda Castillo	28-Jun-25	333147-24-FC & 333161-24-FC	\$1,260	10-Nov-25		
Integrity Funeral Services of Tampa FL, Inc.	28-Jun-25	333146-24-FC & 333148-24-FC	\$1,260	10-Nov-25		
Roderick Stevens	29-May-25	338272-25-FC	\$1,750	18-Aug-25		
O A Jackson Funeral Home	29-May-25	338271-25-FC	\$3,600	18-Aug-25		
Geronimo Mena Jr.	2/9/2025	311861-23-FC	\$2,000	3/5/2025		Sent to OOC
Ronald Dolinar	1/2/2025	325266-24-FC	\$1,600	13-05-25		Sent to OOC

X. Chair's Report (Verbal)

Ms. Simon – Madam Chair?

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Ms. Simon. I'll be short and sweet and I'm glad I was able to reconnect but thank y'all for your extra effort today. It's been a long day. It's been a long meeting. I'm ready for dinner and I appreciate everything y'all do. Ms. Aikens, thank you for filling in for Ms. Munson today. We appreciate you. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Yes ma'am.

Y. Office of Attorney General's Report (1) Attorney General's Rules Report (Informational)

Ms. Simon – Ms. Aikens?

Ms. Aikens – Yes. You have your rules report, your monthly rules report before you in your materials. As stated, it's informational only. If there are any questions, I am here to semi-answer them because I don't know exactly the details of your rules, but it looks like everything is moving through the rulemaking process.

BOARD OF FUNERAL, CEMETERY, AND CONSUMER SERVICES RULES REPORT

JUNE 2026

Rachelle Munson – Board Counsel
Tracy Smith – Paralegal Specialist I

Rule Number	Rule Title	Date Rule Language Approved by Board	Date Sent to OFARR	Rule Development Published	Notice Published	Adopted	Effective
69K-2.003	Other Official Board Business	04/02/2026	3/21/2026 ***				
69K-5.0025 69K-5.012	Inactive Preneed Licenses Application and Renewal Procedures for Broker of Burial Rights License	04/02/2026	3/21/2026 ***				
69K-6.001	Grave Spaces; Definition Limited	12/4/2025 03/05/2026	03/11/2026		03/20/2026	05/14/2026	06/03/2026
69K-6.0015	Definition of Established Adult Grave Space	12/4/2025 03/05/2026	03/11/2026		03/20/2026	05/14/2026	06/03/2026
69K-6.0016 69K-6.004 69K-6.0054 69K-6.007 69K-6.009	Definition of Developed Area Safekeeping of Records Written Contracts Required Criteria for Burial; Disinterment; Reinterment Identification Tags – Acceptable Materials, Locations, and Methods of Affixing	04/02/2026	3/21/2026 ***				
69K-6.002	Care and Maintenance of Existing Cemetery	12/4/2025 03/05/2026	03/11/2026		03/20/2026	05/14/2026	06/03/2026
69K-9.001	Advertising	04/02/2026	3/21/2026 ***				
69K-17.0036	Course Required for Initial Licensure	04/02/2026	3/21/2026 ***				
69k-20.001	Report of Cases Embalmed or Bodies Handled	04/02/2026	3/21/2026 ***				
69K-21.009	Disinterment Reporting	04/02/2026	3/21/2026 ***				
69K-23.001	Manner of Application	11/6/2025 03/05/2026	03/11/2026		03/20/2026	05/14/2026	06/03/2026
69K-31.001	Procedure Required	04/02/2026	3/21/2026 ***				
69K-33.001	Requirements Regarding Handling and Storing of Human Remains	04/02/2026	3/21/2026 ***				
69K-100.035	Courses of Study; Criteria; Procedures for College or University to Obtain Approval	11/6/2025 03/05/2026	03/11/2026		03/20/2026	05/14/2026	06/03/2026

***Waiting for Department to determine if Proposed Rules will need to go to OFARR

Z. Public Comments (Verbal)

Ms. Simon – Is there any public comment to be made during today's meeting?

Mr. Jones – Madam Chair, if I may make a comment?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir, Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones – Yes, Florida State Government will be closed July 2nd thru July 6th. We will be sending emails out. My help desk will be open from 8 to 6 those days and on Saturday from 10 to 2. So just to let you know there will be a help desk available for

Vital Statistics. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you Mr. Jones. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Yes ma’am.

AA. Administrative Report as June 12, 2026

A.	New Cemetery Applications	0
	Recommended for Approval	0
	Pending	0
B.	Cemetery Acquisition Applications	1
	Recommended for Approval	0
	Pending	1
C.	Preneed License Applications	3
	Active Preneed Licenses	326
	Presented to the Board at this Meeting	3
	Pending	2
D.	Preneed License Branch Applications	1
	Active Preneed License Branches	395
	Recommended for Approval	0
	Pending	1
E.	Preneed Sales Agent Applications	83
	Active Sales Agents	3,775
	Recommended for Approval	77
	Temporary Licenses Issued Pending Permanent	32
F.	Monument Establishment Applications	5
	Active Monument Establishments	84
	Pending	2
G.	Broker of Burial Rights Applications	0
	Active Brokers of Burial Rights	22
	Pending	0
H.	Exempt Cemetery Reports	2
	Active Exempt Cemeteries	56
	Pending	0
I.	New Establishment Applications	12
	Pending	10
	Completed	2
J.	New Individual Applications	20
	Pending	19
	Completed	1
K.	Request for Training Facility Applications	2

	Pending	0
	Completed	2
L.	Request for Continuing Education Providers and Courses	51
	Pending	0
	Completed	51
M.	Initial Inspections	5
	Completed	5
N.	Inspections	259
	Completed	259
O.	Initial Licenses Issued	7
	Renewal Licenses	7

BB. Disciplinary Report

Notices of Non-Compliance Issued Since Last Meeting (May 7, 2026)	0
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CC. Upcoming Meeting(s)

- (1) August 7th (Videoconference)
- (2) September 4th (Videoconference)
- (3) October 9th (Videoconference)
- (4) November 6th (Videoconference)
- (5) December 4th (Videoconference)

DD. Adjournment

Ms. Simon – Madam Chair?

Chair Peebles – Thank you ma’am. You kind of heard a little bit of summary of what's next, what's on the upcoming and we appreciate everybody and just another shout out to the Division team. They worked really hard on this meeting agenda today and I don't want to name names because I might forget somebody so a shout out from Ms. Schwantes, Ms. Simon and the team there as well as in the satellite offices. So, it is 4:14, and we're going to call this meeting adjourned. Have a great evening, y'all. Thank you.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14p.m.