

MINUTES
BOARD OF FUNERAL, CEMETERY, AND CONSUMER SERVICES
IN PERSON MEETING
JULY 23, 2026 - 10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.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, July 23, 2026, 10:05, and I'll call the meeting to order and turn it over to Ms. Simon.

Ms. Ellen Simon – Thank you, ma'am. Good morning. My name is Ellen Simon. I am the Assistant Director for the Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services. This is a public meeting of the Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services. This meeting is being held in-person at the J W Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort and Spa in Aventura FL. 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. 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.

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 in your Board packages and instead base your decisions solely on the information within your Board package 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 U on your agenda, which is Public Comment. Public Comment is reserved for general comments by the public and not re-litigation of any matter before the Board. Please be made aware that if a public comment is used as an attempt to relitigate a matter that is being heard on this agenda, the Board will be instructed that the comment is not appropriate for a Public Comment's item and should not be considered for further discussion. Madam Chair, at this point I will call the roll:

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

Also noted as present:

Rachelle Munson, Board Legal Advisor
Kimberly Marshall, Department Legal Counsel
LaTonya Bryant, Department Staff

Ms. Simon – Madam Chair, we have a quorum for the business of the Board.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am.

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

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Quinn – 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'll make my decisions based on the facts and the information presented. Thank you.

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

Ms. Simon – Thank you, ma'am.

B. Old Business

(1) Preneed Main License Renewals

(a) Recommended for Approval without Conditions

1. CMJP Operations Inc (F019195) (Key West)

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

Ms. Wendy Wiener – Wendy Wiener, and I'm just here to answer questions if there are any.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Ms. Wiener. If the Board will recall last month, we had preneed renewals and we are continuing with the preneed renewals during today's agenda. In this matter, CMJP Operations Inc, the licensee's annual PNL financial and renewal statements were due to be filed with the Division no later than April 1, 2026. The forms were received by the Division as of June 30, 2026, and we're eighty-nine (89) days late, which indicates a late fee in the amount of \$1,000. The licensee has paid the late fee as of June 30, 2026. As the licensee has met all requirements for renewal, the Division recommends approval without conditions.

Chair Peeples – Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Andrew Clark moved to approve the application for renewal. Mr. Ken Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Wiener.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

2. Family Funeral Services Inc (F019362) (Orlando)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity here today? Hearing none. The licensee's annual PNL financial and renewal statements were due to be filed with the Division no later than April 1, 2026. The forms were received by the Division as of June 30, 2026, and were thus eighty-nine (89) days late, which indicates a late fee due in the amount of \$1000. The licensee has paid that late fee and has met all other requirements for renewal. Therefore, the Division recommends approval without conditions.

MOTION: Ms. Sanjena Clay moved to approve the application for renewal. Mr. Todd Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Kronish Sunshine & Co Inc (F230140) (Boca Raton)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity here today? Hearing no response. The licensee's annual PNL financial and renewal statements were due to be filed with the Division no later than April 1, 2026. The forms were received by the Division in late June 2026 and were eighty-five (85) days late, which indicates a late fee in the amount of \$1,000. The licensee has paid that late fee and has met all the requirements for renewal. Therefore, the Division recommends approval without conditions.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application for renewal. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Disciplinary Proceeding(s)

Ms. Simon – For these disciplinary proceedings, Ms. Kimberly Marshall will be presenting all the cases on behalf of the Office of the General Counsel.

- (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 A)*
(a) Funkhouser, Karla I: DFS Case No. 346914-25-FC; Division No. ATN-42465 (F033776)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of Ms. Funkhouser or is Ms. Funkhouser here herself? Hearing none.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jones?

Mr. Jones – Yes, I served on Probable Cause Panel A. I would like to be recused from any Probable Cause Panel A topics today.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Mr. Williams?

Mr. Darrin Williams – Madam Chair, I served on Probable Cause Panel B and would like to recuse myself from those matters on the agenda today.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Kimberly Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair. 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 Karla I. Funkhouser (“Respondent”). At all times material to the allegations herein, Respondent was licensed as a funeral director and embalmer, license number F033776. At all times material to the allegations in this case, Respondent was the funeral director in charge of Paradise Funeral Home & Chapel LLC, a licensed funeral establishment and apprentice/intern training agency, license number F595780. A Department investigation revealed that this establishment failed to provide a consumer with a written contract and failed to timely provide a family with a corrected death certificate. Respondent, as funeral director in charge, failed to ensure that the establishment complied with all applicable laws and rules. This is a one-count administrative complaint, and the relevant statutory provisions 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(11)(a): Failing to furnish, for retention, to each purchaser of burial rights, burial or funeral merchandise, or burial or funeral services a written agreement, the form of which has been previously approved if and as required by this chapter, that lists in detail the items and services purchased together with the prices for the items and services purchased; the name, address, and telephone number of the licensee; the signatures of the customer and licensee or her or his representative; and the date signed.
- Section 497.152(13)(a), Florida Statutes: Failing without reasonable justification to timely honor contracts entered into by the licensee or under the licensee’s license for funeral or burial merchandise or services.

The disciplinary guidelines for these violations are as follows:

- *Count I: Failing to furnish, for retention, to each purchaser of burial rights, burial or funeral merchandise, or burial or funeral services a written agreement, the form of which has been approved by the board, first violation: Reprimand, fine of \$500 to \$1,000 plus costs. In addition, probation for six (6) months to one (1) year with conditions may be imposed.*

- *Count II: Failing without reasonable justification to timely honor contracts entered into by the licensee or under the licensee's license for funeral or burial merchandise or services, first violation: Reprimand, fine of \$500 to \$1,000 plus costs. In addition, probation for up to 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 the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond thus waiving the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter.

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

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

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

Ms. Marshall – 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 set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to adopt the allegations of the facts set forth in the Administrative Complaint. Mr. Chris Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall – I'm asking one last time, is Ms. Funkhouser or her representative present? Hearing none. 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 entertain a motion finding that these facts constitute a violation of Florida Statutes as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

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

Ms. Marshall – Okay. As a penalty recommendation in this case, this is a little [inaudible]. She has quite a history with this. In April of 2024, she was assessed a \$19,000 fine, which she never paid. As a result of nonpayment, her license was suspended. In November of 2024, she did not renew, so currently, her license is delinquent [inaudible] go back to a suspended status, so I don't know what the board would like to do. If this case was standing on its own, our recommendation would be a fine of \$1,500 [inaudible].

Chair Peeples – Board members? Ms. Clay?

Ms. Clay – Did you say \$19,000?

Ms. Marshall – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Clay – Okay.

Mr. Jensen – May I?

Ms. Marshall – Yes, sir.

Mr. Jensen – And she's not paid a dime of that?

Ms. Marshall – Correct. That was more than two (2) years ago.

Mr. Jensen – So basically, reading between the lines here, if we impose more, it may not do any good?

Ms. Marshall – You're probably not going to get it.

Mr. Jensen – Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Board members, your pleasure?

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir?

Mr. Ferreira – Is this a situation where we can revoke her license?

Chair Peeples – Whatever your pleasure is, sir.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved for revocation of the Respondent's license. Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Clark – Just after last Board meeting, can we permanently revoke?

Ms. Marshall – You can. And if you were to do that, to establish permanent revocation, I'd also like to suggest adding a term in there that if they were to ever reapply, that application will be summarily denied by the Division and will not be brought to the Board.

Mr. Clark – Just for consideration, Mr. Ferreira.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Ferreira, would you amend your motion?

Mr. Ferreira – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Williams, would you amend your second?

Mr. Williams – Yes.

Chair Peeples – Is there any other discussion on the motion?

Ms. Rachelle Munson – I would just like the motion to be restated. I know Ms. Marshall made some statements, but I'd like it clearly stated for the record since that's what the Board may be requesting the order to reflect.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Marshall, could you help us with that, please?

Ms. Marshall – Yes. It was a permanent revocation, and if she ever reapplied, the application would be summarily denied by the Division and would not be brought to the Board.

Chair Peeples – Are we good, Ms. Munson?

Ms. Munson – I don't know if it could be upheld, but that would be the language.

Ms. Marshall – The Department of Health Boards do that with their permanent revocations.

Ms. Munson – No, I'm not saying that other Boards don't do that, but every case is fact specific, so I don't know if it individually can be upheld. I just need to state that to the Board. So, it would be summarily upheld if presented with a new application, if the Board is presenting a new application. And I would also like to clarify, if we are requesting a revocation, the basis for the revocation. Of course, you identified the aggravating circumstance, but I want that also stated for the record.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Ferreira? Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – I have a question. Ms. Munson, what type of situation are we geared to in terms of if the applicant does apply to the Division? Is there some type of appeal that they can go to DOAH?

Ms. Munson – Well, DOAH would just be if there was a dispute of material facts. But I'm sure, as Ms. Marshall understands, any applicant can come before you with their representative or pro se and identify a reason why they feel that their application should be reviewed. If they wanted to have a motion for rehabilitation or anything like that, they have the right to do so. And whatever Board sits in front of them at that time has the authority and the ability to give those considerations.

Mr. Williams – Madam Chairman, follow up?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir?

Mr. Williams – So could we, and I guess it'll be the maker of the motion, could we just do permanent revocation to allow the applicant to come before that said Board at that time if they so choose?

Ms. Munson – I mean, it can stay. The language that has been presented can remain as the official language for the order. I just didn't want to provide any type of illusion that that language would necessarily uphold. It could, but there may be a circumstance where it could not. It could be a Board that this person sits before that saw this situation very differently. Because it will be a new application at that time. So, I just wanted to just identify that in all fairness to the Board.

Mr. Williams – But the application would never get to the Board if –

Ms. Munson – The application would have to get to the Board. The Board –

Mr. Williams – Okay. Because I was just saying, based on the language, I guess I was hearing from Ms. Marshall, the Division would review it, and it would never come to the Board.

Ms. Munson – I don't think the Division has that authority, because if there is an application and it appears that there is some type of disciplinary history or something with criminal history or something that would result in a likely denial, you would get a summary that says this is why this is before the Board with a recommendation of a denial, and you'd have an opportunity to review it.

Ms. Simon – Ms. Munson?

Mr. Williams – Based on what Ms. Marshall said, I just want to make sure we're clear.

Ms. Marshall – I mean, that was not my intention, but I would certainly defer to Ms. Munson's interpretation.

Mr. Williams – Okay. I agree, Ms. Marshall. I just want to make sure it was not presented in a way that the Division reviews, but it never gets to the Board first. I just want to make sure they have that option, you know, to still present that.

Ms. Munson – Outside of blanket approvals, the ability to approve with conditions or deny an application usually sits with the Board.

Mr. Williams – Okay.

Ms. Clay – Madam Chair, just for clarification. So, is there such a thing as permanent revocation of that license? The term permanent is what's troubling me at this point. If it's permanent, that means it stands forever, but are we saying that the person can come back in essence and appeal that process or reapply anew?

Ms. Munson – There's also an opportunity for access to the courts and access for appellate review. You can't take that from the individual because that's required in any due process consideration. So, the language of permanent revocation is included in the orders, as the Department of Health has been indicating, and other agencies, because I think it's going to be an indication that the reviewing body at the time of that particular application felt strongly enough to suggest or indicate a permanent revocation, and that's where your authority lies. And it does carry a lot of weight. But I think it's also noted that there is a record of cases that shows individuals who have been permanently revoked have come before a body requesting review in spite of a permanent revocation in place.

Ms. Clay – So just as a follow-up, the \$19,000, are we allowed to know what that was for?

Ms. Marshall – Did I not include the Final Order in there?

Ms. Clay – I didn't see that. And here lies my concern there. I've never seen that amount for anything here. Sometimes I think it should be that and have not witnessed that. And so, I'm just wondering if it was an egregious offense.

Ms. Marshall – It doesn't appear that -- I can't seem to get the prior order there. Oh, no, sorry. It is there.

Mr. Jensen – Yeah, it's there.

Ms. Munson – 2022.

Ms. Clay – I missed it. Where is it?

Mr. Jensen – It was in 2024.

Ms. Clay – Oh, okay.

Chair Peebles – Ms. Clay, do you have any other questions?

Ms. Clay – No. Thank you.

Chair Peebles – We have a motion, an amended motion, and an amended second. Are there any other questions before we take a vote?

Mr. Clark – Madam Chair, I do think Ms. Munson wanted the aggravated factors, and for your consideration, it would be the fact that her license is already suspended due to lack of payment and prior discipline. Would that be acceptable, Ms. Munson?

Chair Peebles – Yes, that would be acceptable. Thank you, sir.

Ms. Simon – One other thing, I just wanted to make note on Page 36, that was the original order that led to the \$19,000 fine. There was another order where she had failed to pay the \$19,000 fine. So, I just wanted to remark on that.

Ms. Clay – Just for the record, I do see it now.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Ms. Clay. Thank you, Ms. Simon. So, we have a motion, we have a second. All in favor of the motion say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peebles – All opposed say No. Motion carries.

(b) Related Items – Division No. ATN-46395

1. BDJG Ventures LLC, d/b/a Master Craft Memorials: DFS Case No. 356348-26-FC; Division No. ATN-46395 (F064744)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity here today? Please step forward.

Chair Peeples – Will you state your name, please, and spell your last name for the record?

Ms. Dawn Cline – Yes, Dawn Cline, C-L-I-N-E.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon or Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair. 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 BDJG Ventures LLC, d/b/a Master Craft Memorials (“Respondent”). At all times material to the allegations herein, Respondent was licensed as a monument establishment retailer, license number F064744. A Department investigation revealed that Respondent failed to timely fulfill a contract for a monument, installing the monument approximately five and a half years after purchase. This is a one-count administrative complaint, and the relevant statutory provisions 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(13)(a), Florida Statutes: Failing without reasonable justification to timely honor contracts entered into by the licensee or under the licensee’s license for funeral or burial merchandise or services.

The disciplinary guidelines for these violations are as follows:

- *Count I: Failing without reasonable justification to timely honor contracts entered into by the licensee or under the licensee’s license for funeral or burial merchandise or services, first violation: Reprimand, fine of \$500 to \$1,000 plus costs. In addition, probation for up 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 the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond thus waiving the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter.

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

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

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall – 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 set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to adopt the allegations of the facts set forth in the Administrative Complaint. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall – Now would be an appropriate time to hear from Ms. Cline if she'd like to speak.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Cline if you will, let Ms. Simon swear you in, please.

Ms. Cline – Sure.

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. Cline – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Simon – Can you please state your name one more time and spell your last name again for the record?

Ms. Cline – Yes, Dawn Cline, C-L-I-N-E. Shall I start?

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Cline – So I had a client that I had been working with. We did her son's monument and then [inaudible]. And it came back to me. At that time, we did have difficulty getting granite. We got the granite in about a year after they ordered it. And I did not have a completed design from her, and I did have trouble communicating with her because of a family issue. When Mr. Schuller reached out to me, I immediately responded to him. I gave him all of her information, discounted the client's work and [inaudible].

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Board members, any questions for Ms. Cline?

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – So, when you mentioned you didn't get that sign-off because of family health problems, was that because of that eighteen (18) months that you were away?

Ms. Cline – I was traveling back and forth, and I had a lot of communication with the Tanners. She understood what was going on. [Inaudible] with the family, and they got frustrated because of my issues, and I completely understood that.

Mr. Ferreira – So you feel like that was more of your issues –

Ms. Cline – That was definitely my issue, not theirs.

Mr. Ferreira – During those eighteen (18) months, were you serving any other families?

Ms. Cline – We were still operating, yes. I was traveling back and forth.

Mr. Ferreira – Okay. Any issues?

Ms. Cline – I mean, we were having issues getting granite, and that was a totally different issue than this. And that would be our biggest issue.

Mr. Ferreira – That's it.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Ferreira. Any other questions by Board members? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes. Ms. Cline, in reading through all this, I think you were going back and forth to Oklahoma. Is that right?

Ms. Cline – Yes.

Mr. Jensen – You had a sick family member?

Ms. Cline – Yes, my dad actually died this year from Alzheimer's and dementia.

Mr. Jensen – Okay. And I noticed that the family was contacting you during that time and not getting a response?

Ms. Cline – Yes, they were.

Mr. Jensen – And I do understand the granite, but –

Ms. Cline – I'm not saying -- that was completely my fault.

Mr. Jensen – Yes, I kind of see a little bit of fault both ways here, because I've been in that situation where the family doesn't sign off and give the approval, but I think the responsibility sort of falls on you, but I kind of see it both ways. So, you know, I'd like to make a motion for a reprimand and a \$500 fine.

Chair Peeples – Well, we're not at that point yet.

Mr. Jensen – Okay.

Chair Peeples – But thank you, sir, you'll hold onto that. So, are there any other questions for Ms. Cline by the Board members? Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Madam Chair. 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 entertain a motion finding that these facts constitute a violation of Florida Statutes as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

Chair Peeples – Board members, what is your pleasure?

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

Ms. Marshall – I just want to repeat our recommendation is a \$1,000 fine and a year of probation.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen?

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$500 fine to be paid within thirty (30) days of the Board Order and a reprimand. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Cline, but I think you'll be here for the next case. So, if you'll just stay put for us, please, ma'am.

Ms. Cline – Yes.

2. Cline, Dawn D: DFS Case No. 356350-26-FC; Division No. ATN-46395 (F064837)

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

Ms. Marshall – 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 Dawn D. Cline ("Respondent"). At all times material to the allegations herein, Respondent was licensed as a monument establishment sales agent, license number F064837. At all times material to the

allegations in this case, Respondent was a managing member and sales agent at BDJG Ventures, d/b/a Master Craft Memorials, a licensed monument establishment retailer holding license number F064744. A Department investigation revealed that Respondent entered into a contract for a monument on behalf of this establishment and failed to timely fulfill the contract, installing the monument approximately five and a half years after purchase. This is a one-count administrative complaint, and the relevant statutory provisions are as follows:

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Ms. Marshall – 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 set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to adopt the allegations of the facts set forth in the Administrative Complaint. Ms. Clay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall – Now would be an appropriate for Ms. Cline to address the Board if she'd like.

Ms. Cline – I would have the same comments that I had earlier.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Board members any questions for Ms. Cline? Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you. 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 entertain a motion finding that these facts constitute a violation of Florida Statutes as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

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

Ms. Marshall – And for penalty, our recommendation would be the same as the Board imposed in the prior case, a \$500 fine, and a reprimand.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen?

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$500 fine to be paid within thirty (30) days of the Board Order and a reprimand. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Cline.

(2) 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) J.E. Rainford Services Corp. d/b/a Annette's Burial Vaults & Monument Services: DFS Case No. 350632-25-FC; Division No. ATN-45140 (F649733)

Ms. Simon – Is there anyone here present representing this entity today? Hearing no response. Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – 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 J.E. Rainford Services Corp. d/b/a Annette's Burial Vaults & Monument Services ("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 engaged in fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of a regulated activity by placing dirt against a headstone and causing it to lean. This is a one-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.

The disciplinary guidelines for these violations are as follows:

- *Count I: engaging in fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of a regulated activity: Reprimand, fine of \$1,000-\$2,500 plus costs. In addition, probation for six (6) months to one (1) year, suspension up to two (2) years, permanent revocation of license and/or restitution 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 whether the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has failed to timely respond thus waiving the right to elect a method of resolution in this matter.

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

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

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall – 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 set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to adopt the allegations of the facts set forth in the Administrative Complaint. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall – Is there anyone here present representing this entity today? Hearing no response. 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 entertain a motion finding that these facts constitute a violation of Florida Statutes as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

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

Ms. Marshall – And as to penalty, our recommendation would be a \$1,500 fine and one-year probation.

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

Chair Peeples – Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes sir, Mr. Ferreira.

Mr. Ferreira – This is why it's so important for people to be here. I have ten (10) questions I'd love to ask about this that would simply clarify things in my mind, but no one is here. So, this is common. This type of thing happens. I've been doing this for forty (40) years. I'm not sure that this marker wasn't this way prior to the service. I'd love to know where the family sat. You know, we don't see a complete setup. We don't know where the family would have been seated in this case. In one picture on Page 41, it looks like the dirt is right next to the grave. And then another picture, it looks like there's two (2) graves between where the dirt was. So, there's so many questions right now. I do feel like there should have been a tarp or something placed over the marker. And after all this, why was it not reset by the monument company or the grave digging company if it wasn't that way prior to it? Because there are two (2) or three (3) other markers that have been moved for this burial, if you look in these pictures, and I don't see issues with that. So those are just a few comments I would like to make. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – We have a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Ms. Clay. Any other discussion?

Mr. Jensen – Discussion?

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, to kind of piggyback on what Mr. Ferreira said, I've seen a lot of these. When I first was reading through this, I thought, what's the big deal? And I even got in my notes, standard practice, there was no damage in the end. Is there any proof of damage? I don't see any proof of damage. The one picture I see that draws me a little concern is on Page 44 of 57. That just isn't right. So, I do think there is some culpability here for the marker company. But, I mean, in a crowded cemetery, you know, there's a lot -- the vault company says they put down plywood and everything. But the one picture on Page 44 of our packet is the one that I draw a little concern with, because I'd probably be a little aggravated if that was my loved one, if I saw that. So, they've got some culpability, but I just don't know how much.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Jensen. Any other discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, say Yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

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

(3) Motion for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Probable Cause Panel A)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity present today? Hearing no response, Ms. Marshall?

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Ms. Simon. The above-referenced matter is presented to the Board for consideration of the Motion for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Motion) in the matter of Amos Jerome Foster Funeral Home LLC (Respondent). The Division conducted an inspection of Respondent and alleges as follows: Respondent is a funeral establishment, holding license number F668803. A Department investigation revealed that Respondent allowed its premises to come into a decrepit condition, failed to affix proper identification to two bodies, held those bodies out of refrigeration for more than twenty-four (24) hours after death, failed to treat those bodies with dignity and respect, failed to specify a time and date for cremation for one of those bodies, and failed to cooperate with a Department investigation. This is an eight-count administrative complaint, and the relevant statutory provisions are as follows:

- Section 497.149(1)(b), Florida Statutes: Every person and entity being investigated, and its officers, attorneys, unless it violates the attorney-client privilege, employees, agents, and representatives, shall make freely available to the Department the accounts, records, documents, files, information, assets, business premises, and matters in their possession or control relating to the subject of the investigation. If records relating to a licensee, or to activities regulated by this chapter are maintained by an agent on premises owned or operated by a third party, the agent and third party shall provide the Department access to the records.
- 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(4)(a), Florida Statutes: Improperly interfering with an investigation or inspection authorized by statute or with any disciplinary proceeding
- Section 497.171(1)(b), Florida Statutes: The licensee in charge of the final disposition of dead human remains shall, prior to final disposition of such dead human remains, affix to the ankle or wrist of the deceased, and on the casket, alternative container, or cremation container, a tag providing proper identification of the dead human remains. The identification tag shall be encased in or consist of durable and long-lasting material and shall list the name, dead of birth, and date of death of the deceased, if available.
- Section 497.386(2), Florida Statutes: A dead human body may not be held in any place or in transit over twenty-four (24) hours after death or pending final disposition unless the body is maintained under refrigeration at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or below or is embalmed or otherwise preserved in a manner approved by the licensing authority in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- Section 497.386(4), Florida Statutes: The licensing authority shall establish by rule the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practices for the handling and storage of dead human bodies, provided that all human remains transported or stored must be completely covered and at all times treated with dignity and respect.
- Section 497.607(1), Florida Statutes: At the time of the arrangement for a cremation performed by any person licensed pursuant to this chapter, the legally authorized person contracting for cremation services shall be required to designate his or her intentions with respect to disposition of the cremated remains of the deceased in a signed declaration of intent which shall be provided by and retained by the funeral or direct disposal establishment. A cremation may not be performed until a legally authorized person gives written authorization, which may include the declaration of intent to dispose of the cremated remains, for such cremation. The cremation must be performed within forty-eight (48) hours after a specified time which has been agreed to in writing by the person authorizing the cremation.

The disciplinary guidelines for these violations are as follows:

- *Counts I-II: failing to affix proper identification to a body, first violation: Reprimand, fine of \$250-\$1,000 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.*
- *Count III: failing to specify, in writing, a time and date for cremation, first violation: 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.*
- *Counts IV-V: failing to properly refrigerate human remains, first violation: Reprimand, fine of \$500 to \$2,500 plus costs. In addition, probation for 6 months to one (1) year with conditions, suspension up to one (1) year, or permanent revocation of license may be imposed.*

- *Counts VI-VII: failing to comply with section requiring that dead human bodies must be transported or stored completely covered and at all times treated with dignity and respect, first violation: 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.*
- *Count VIII: improperly interfering with investigation or inspection, first violation: 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 Respondent has indicated that there are no material facts in dispute and for this matter to proceed as an informal hearing before the Board, and requests the Board adopt the factual allegations in the Administrative Complaint and issue an appropriate penalty. At this time, it would be appropriate for the Chair to entertain a motion determining whether the Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has determined that there are material facts in dispute.

MOTION: Ms. Clay moved that Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint and has determined that there are material facts in dispute. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved that there are no material facts in dispute in this matter. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall – 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 set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

MOTION: Ms. Clay moved to adopt the allegations of the facts set forth in the Administrative Complaint. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall – Asking once more, is anyone here on behalf of Amos Jerome Foster Funeral Home? Hearing none. 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 entertain a motion finding that these facts constitute a violation of Florida Statutes as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

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

Ms. Marshall – As to penalty in this case, the Department's recommendation is revocation, obviously. If I may explain the circumstances as to why we are not asking for anything else. So, Mr. Foster actually passed away the day after he submitted the election of proceedings in this case. So, I would have to go ahead with sending this case to DOAH. Obviously since he responded. An administrative law judge determined that he does not have dispute in this case and that he would relinquish jurisdiction to the Board in this case before you today. We have been by the establishment on multiple occasions. It is shut down, out of business. They did not renew their license. Mr. Foster, the owner, is deceased. So, the recommendation is revocation.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to revoke Respondent's license. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- (4) Motion for Final Order by Hearing Not Involving Disputed Issues of Material Fact (Probable Cause Panel B)**
(a) Caver, Johnell Sr.; DFS Case No. 360288-26-FC; Division No. ATN-46838 (F044650)

Ms. Simon – The Department and the Division removed the case from the agenda.

- (5) Settlement Stipulation(s) (Probable Cause Panel B)**
(a) Related Items – Division No. ATN-45907

1. *Fischman, Steven Ross: DFS Case No. 347726-25-FC; Division No. ATN-45907 (F025452)*

Ms. Simon – Representing the respondent is Ms. Wiener and representing for the Department is Ms. Marshall.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Steven Ross Fischman (“Respondent”) is a funeral director and embalmer, license number F025452. At all times material to this matter, Respondent was the funeral director in charge of Sinai Memorial Chapels, Inc., a funeral establishment and apprentice intern training agency holding license number F039893. The Department conducted an inspection of this establishment and found that it posted advertisements under a name other than that by which it is licensed. Respondent has entered into a proposed Settlement Stipulation. The proposed stipulation provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$1,000, and Respondent’s license shall be placed on probation for one (1) year. This probation may be terminated early once the establishment removes any advertisements that reflect a name other than its licensed name. The Department requests that the Board accept this Settlement Stipulation.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Wiener, questions only?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, ma’am.

Chair Peeples – Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira 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. This probation may be terminated early once the establishment removes any advertisements that reflect a name other than its licensed name. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. *Sinai Memorial Chapels, Inc: DFS Case No. 347722-25-FC; Division No. ATN-45907 (F039893)*

Ms. Simon – Again, representing the licensee is Ms. Wiener and representing for the Department is Ms. Marshall.

Ms. Marshall – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Sinai Memorial Chapels, Inc. (“Respondent”) is a funeral establishment and apprentice intern training agency, holding license number F039893. The Department conducted an inspection of Respondent and found that Respondent posted advertisements under a name other than that by which it is licensed. Respondent has entered into a proposed Settlement Stipulation. The proposed stipulation provides that Respondent shall pay a fine of \$1,000, and Respondent’s license shall be placed on probation for one (1) year. This probation may be terminated early once Respondent removes any advertisements that reflect a name other than its licensed name. The Department requests that the Board accept this Settlement Stipulation.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Wiener, questions only?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, ma’am.

Chair Peeples – Board members?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira 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. This probation may be terminated early once the Respondent removes any advertisements that reflect a name other than its licensed name. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Wiener.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

D. *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.

E. Application(s) for Continuing Education

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

- (a) Education Workers Group (11208)
- (b) Florida Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Association (75)
- (c) National Funeral Directors Association (49609)
- (d) New Jersey Funeral Service Education Corp. (58208)
- (e) The Independent Funeral Group (55808)
- (f) WebCE (43)
- (g) 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 – Board members?

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

F. 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, sir?

Mr. Ferreira – Just for the record, I'd like to indicate that one of my companies is on this form and that I will be able to vote in a fair and impartial way.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Ferreira. Board members?

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

G. Application(s) for Embalmer Apprentice

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

- (a) Barcia Jr., Patrick J F959923
- (b) Stallworth, Jonathan R F963332
- (c) Wilson, Cameron F462264

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.

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

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

- (a) Direct Disposer
 - 1. Jackson Jr., Calvin M
- (b) Funeral Director (Endorsement)
 - 1. Robertson, Carla M
 - 2. Yazel, Bradley

- (c) *Funeral Director (Internship)*
 - 1. *Arthur Jr., Jimmy Lee*
 - 2. *Calderon-Sarfati, Ana V*
 - 3. *Harris, Ahna A*
 - 4. *Johnson, Tashiana I*
 - 5. *Lewis, Emma A*
 - 6. *Sheppard, Victoria L*
 - 7. *Wilson, Audrey*
- (d) *Funeral Director and Embalmer (Endorsement)*
 - 1. *Boak, Christine M*
 - 2. *Cobery, Bryan*
 - 3. *White, Michael J*
- (e) *Funeral Director and Embalmer (Internship and Exam)*
 - 1. *Copenhaver, Rebekah Ann*
 - 2. *Dorval, Julina T*
 - 3. *Grosch, Janessa C*
 - 4. *Sanchez, Mario T*

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 Approval with Conditions*
 - (a) *Funeral Director and Embalmer License Renewal (Criminal History)*
 - 1. *Callava, Elizabeth F*

Ms. Simon – Is Elizabeth Callava, or a representative here today? Hearing no response.

Ms. Wiener – Ms. Simon, she is here. I think maybe she just went to the ladies' room or something. She just stepped out, so perhaps if you could skip over this one and come back to her.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Wiener.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

Ms. Simon – Let's move on.

I. *Application(s) for Internship*

- (1) *Informational Item (Licenses Issued without Conditions) – Addendum F*
 - (a) *Funeral Director & Embalmer (Concurrent)*
 - 1. *McKinney, Jalen F503159*
 - 2. *Payment, Olvie D F654834*
 - 3. *Pena, Laura F958857*
 - 4. *Quinn, Lenard T F692669*
 - 5. *Wentzel, Heath W F858989*

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) *Funeral Director & Embalmer (Concurrent) (Criminal History)*
 - (a) *Recommended for Denial*
 - 1. *Thompson, Khiante*

Ms. Simon – Is Ms. Thompson, or a representative of Ms. Thompson is here today?

Ms. Khiante Thompson – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Please step forward.

Ms. Simon – Good morning, ma'am. Please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

Ms. Thompson – Khiante Thompson, T-H-O-M-P-S-O-N.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, ma'am. An Application for a Concurrent Intern License was received by the Division on May 19, 2026. The application was initially incomplete, and a deficiency letter was subsequently issued. The application was deemed complete on July 13, 2026, after all outstanding deficient items were received. The applicant answered "Yes" to the criminal history question on the application and a review of the fingerprint-based background check results revealed the following reportable criminal history.

- On or about January 30, 2014, Ms. Thompson was convicted of two (2) federal felony offenses: Count 1 – Conspiracy to Commit Bank and Wire Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 and Count 2 – Possession of Counterfeit Currency in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 472. Ms. Thompson was sentenced to a term of imprisonment, followed by twenty-four (24) months of supervised release on each count, to run concurrently. The court also ordered restitution in the amount of \$50,043.15, to be paid pursuant to a payment schedule, including an immediate lump-sum payment of \$200.00.
- On or about November 6, 2024, Ms. Thompson was convicted of a third-degree felony offense of Criminal Mischief (Damage \$1,000 or More). Ms. Thompson was sentenced to twenty-four (24) months of probation and ordered to pay \$5,700 in restitution.

Ms. Thompson submitted correspondence dated April 15, 2026, confirming that she successfully completed all terms of supervision on March 31, 2026, and is no longer under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections. Pursuant to the newly enacted section 497.1411, Florida Statutes, any applicant who has been found guilty of a felony involving moral turpitude is permanently barred from licensure under Chapter 497. As Florida follows the general rule that a change in a licensure statute that occurs during the pendency of an application for licensure is operative as to the application, the law currently in effect applies to Ms. Thompson's application. Ms. Thompson's federal crime of Conspiracy to Commit Bank and Wire Fraud constitutes a crime of moral turpitude. Based upon the foregoing, the Division recommends denial of this application due to the three (3) felony convictions

Chair Peebles – Ms. Simon, will you please swear in, Ms. Thompson, please?

Ms. Simon – Yes, 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. Thompson – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Ms. Thompson, please state your name and spell your last name for the record?

Ms. Thompson – Khiante Thompson, T-H-O-M-P-S-O-N.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, ma'am.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Ms. Thompson, and we appreciate you being here today. Would you like to address the Board?

Ms. Thompson – No ma'am.

Chair Peebles – Board members, any questions for Ms. Thompson? Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, Ms. Thompson. So, I see where Ms. Simon just said that you had submitted correspondence April 15, 2026, confirming you successfully completed all terms of supervision. Was that the November 6, 2024, incident?

Ms. Thompson – Yes.

Mr. Jensen – Okay, so the original incident from 2014, it says here you had a fine in the amount of \$50,000 and change, and you made a lonesome payment of \$200. Where does that stand?

Ms. Thompson – No, the whole \$56,000 is paid.

Mr. Jensen – The whole \$50,000 is paid?

Ms. Thompson – Yes.

Mr. Jensen – Along with all the terms that have been satisfied for the second?

Ms. Thompson – Yes.

Mr. Jensen – Okay, thank you.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – So follow-up to Mr. Jensen's question. I was looking for the correspondence, because to Mr. Jensen's point, November 6, 2024, twenty-four (24) months from that date would be November 6, 2026. Did the probation end early?

Ms. Thompson – Yes, [inaudible].

Mr. Williams – Is that a matter of fact, Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – I'm looking right now.

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair, may I?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir?

Mr. Jensen – So Ms. Thompson, you're saying everything, and you can prove this, you have the paperwork saying that probation is gone, and all the fines are paid, the \$50,000 plus?

Ms. Thompson – Yes.

Mr. Jensen – And you realize in our industry the one thing that probably gets us the most is financial crimes?

Ms. Thompson – Yes.

Mr. Jensen – So, this is a big ask. You don't have anything to say for yourself?

Ms. Thompson – Yes. I'm really shy. I'm sorry. When I was younger, you know, just, [inaudible], when you're speaking, and I know when I was really young, both of these things happened, you know, because of the person that I chose to be in a relationship with. So, I've never harmed anybody. If I'm guilty of anything, you know, loving the wrong person, and, you know, just being young, and naive. I've been in the funeral industry for years. I've never been in any trouble, you know, as far as, like, work-related. And I'm just asking for a chance to prove myself. I have a 17-year-old daughter. I finished college, and I'm just trying to show my daughter different and I'm trying to show her that you can make mistakes and turn your life around. I graduated college, you know, and I'm starting another degree next month. And I've been doing well for myself. Like I said, if I'm guilty of it, it's just, like, loving the wrong person. That's all I have to say.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Jensen, any follow-up?

Mr. Jensen – Yes, I assume that person is gone now?

Ms. Thompson – Yes.

Mr. Jensen – All right. Thank you. Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Board members, any other questions for Ms. Thompson? Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to make a note to the Board in addition to what I expressed in the cover sheet. This is the first time that the Board is taking action based upon statute 497.1411, and that statute says that the applicant cannot be licensed.

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir, Mr. Ferreira?

MOTION: Mr. Ferreira moved to deny the application. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion.

Chair Peeples – Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Jensen – Discussion?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – So, I have a little bit of heartburn here. Two (2) reasons. One is, I mean, actually, you know, I've known people that's there and I've been there myself. We've all been there. You know, things happen. But, I mean, this is just for an intern. She's going to be under supervision. So, I don't know. I'm a little torn here. I think that she's completed everything. She's trying to change her life. I understand what Ms. Simon said, but us as a Board can go against that. So that's all I'm going to say.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Actually, Mr. Jensen, this is a statute and not a rule. So, the Board is required to follow the statute, and I just wanted to say that. There's no wiggle room. The Board is required to follow the statute, and that's it.

Chair Peeples – Well, why are we voting on it? Ms. Munson, can you help us?

Ms. Munson – Well, I'm just going to concur with the statements made by Ms. Simon, that this was signed into law on June 26th, I believe, of this year. So, it is by statute. The Board is still actually working to document and memorialize the rules. The language that mimics the statute is still pending and is open to rule development, but the statute supersedes everything legally, of course. And this is the legitimate wording of the statute so there is no wiggle room. And you asked why this is before the Board. I believe that any application comes that is subject to anything other than a straight-out approval – if approval with conditions or a denial, it has to come before the Board. The Board has the authority to decide. I made those comments about the earlier situation.

Chair Peeples – And caveating on Ms. Munson's comments, Mr. Jensen, she has criminal history. So criminal history applications have come before us. They are not reviewed and approved in the Division office. So that's why it's coming to us, but this is a new statute. So, we have to follow the statute. So, we have a motion by Mr. Ferreira for denial, a second by Mr. Chapman. Any other discussion before we call a vote? Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – So, I would like to share with my colleagues, Ms. Thompson is correct. On Page 32 of 39 of the packets, it does say, after twelve (12) months for the verified payment and restitution, no violation, and probation shall be terminated. So, to the question I asked earlier, that's why probation was terminated earlier, verification of payment and restitution was completed.

Ms. Munson – And if I may, Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Munson – Because this is an application that comes before the Board, the Board also has the opportunity to offer the applicant an opportunity to withdraw the application. We do know that a denial follows an individual's license history, no matter what type of license they choose to. She may decide something other than those which fall under the requisites of Chapter 497 of the statute. So, if there is an opportunity for the applicant to withdraw, that is an opportunity available at this time as well.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Munson. That was going to be my next thing. So, Ms. Thompson, what Ms. Munson just mentioned is you have the opportunity to withdraw your application because we do have a motion, we have a second. We would be voting on that motion, and if the motion passes for a denial, that will follow you for the rest of your days that you have. So, you have the opportunity to withdraw it, which means who knows what may change down the road. The statute may be withdrawn, and you may be able to apply again in the future. So, what would your recommendation be to us?

Ms. Thompson – I want to withdraw.

Chair Peeples – You'd like to withdraw it? Thank you, ma'am. So sorry for your past situation. Thank you for coming today. Thank you for being present. Much success to you.

Ms. Thompson – Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Munson – I will note that there will be an order issued that you requested to withdraw your application, and it will just be an order of withdrawal. And I didn't ask the Board to vote on it, but I just wanted you to know you will receive something saying that your application has been withdrawn.

Ms. Thompson – Okay.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. We appreciate you being here today.

Ms. Thompson – Thank you.

Mr. Jensen – Yes, thank you for coming today.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – I have a question regarding that statute, is it a grandfather rule type? Is it just like any offenses after the date of the statute, or is it any offenses before the statute? Like how does that play into factor?

Ms. Simon – It would be any circumstances that come before the Board as of the date the statute was enacted. So, if this would have come before the Board prior to June 26th, it might have been a different outcome. But it became law on June 26. I don't know how you're going to do any retroactive type review, but it's what comes as of the date of the statute.

Chair Peeples – Is this Ms. Callava?

Ms. Elizabeth Callava – Yes.

Chair Peeples – If you'd like to come forward, please. We're going to go back to agenda Item H(2)(a)1. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Thank you. If I could just have one moment?

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am.

(2) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

(a) Funeral Director and Embalmer License Renewal (Criminal History)

1. Callava, Elizabeth F

Ms. Simon – Ms. Callava submitted a license renewal application and the required renewal fee on February 5, 2026. On the renewal application, she responded "No" to the criminal history disclosure question. Immediately following submission of her renewal application and payment, Ms. Callava contacted Division staff member Crystal Grant by email to disclose a reportable criminal conviction. On February 18, 2026, the Division issued a follow-up deficiency notice requesting that Ms. Callava submit a completed Criminal History Information Form and certified court documentation related to the disclosed conviction. The requested court documentation was received on May 4, 2026, and the completed Criminal History Information Form was received on May 18, 2026. On or about June 17, 2025, Ms. Callava was convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of Alcohol or Drugs, a misdemeanor offense. She was sentenced to one year of probation and ordered to pay applicable court costs and fines. The probationary term was successfully terminated on October 27, 2025, and all court-ordered costs and fines have been satisfied. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition of a one (1) year probation due to the recent conviction. And if I may say, the reason why this case is different from the other one is there is no case law that states that driving under the influence is a crime of moral turpitude.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Ms. Callava, if you would like to address the Board, let Ms. Simon swear you in, please.

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. Callava – Yes.

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

Ms. Callava – Elizabeth Callava, C-A-L-L-A-V-A.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. Thank you for being here today. Would you like to address the Board of the information that's been presented to us, or are you here for questions only?

Ms. Callava – If I can, I'd just like to follow up with my license. I submitted all the documents. I don't know if you have any other questions or anything like that. That's all I have.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, any questions for Ms. Callava? What would be the Board's pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the applicant is placed on probation for one (1) year due to the recent conviction. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Good luck. Thank you for coming today.

Ms. Callava – Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Let's take a restroom break. It's 11:12. Let's come back at 11:25, please.

*****BREAK*****

Chair Peeples – We will call the meeting back to order. It is 11:28. Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Thank you, Madam Chair.

(3) Request to Renew Internship

(a) Recommended for Approval without Conditions
1. Funeral Director and Embalmer (Concurrent)
a. Clements, Scott F287488

Ms. Simon – Is Mr. Clements or a representative of Mr. Clements present today?

Mr. Scott Clements – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Please step forward, sir. Good morning, sir. Please state your name.

Mr. Clements – Scott Clements.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, sir.

Ms. Simon – An application to renew the internship license due to illness, hardship, or while awaiting examination results was received by the Division on June 5, 2026. Mr. Clements' Funeral Director Intern License expired on July 9, 2026. The application was timely filed and was deemed complete upon receipt of all required documentation and completion of the Division's review. The applicant was previously issued a Funeral Director Intern License pursuant to Rule 69K-18.002(10), Florida Administrative Code, which provides that only one internship may be issued to a person unless the licensing authority grants an extension or renewal. Based on the information and documentation submitted, the Division recommends approval of Mr. Clements' request to renew his funeral director intern license for an additional one-year period due to the circumstances set forth in his request.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Ms. Simon.

Mr. Clark – Madam Chair?

Chair Peebles – Yes, sir?

Mr. Clark – I just wanted to state for the record I have an affiliation with Mr. Clements and Osceola Memory Gardens, but that affiliation will not prevent me from rendering a fair and impartial decision.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Mr. Clark.

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair?

Chair Peebles – Yes, sir?

Mr. Jensen – I would like to also state I have an affiliation with Mr. Clements. He was one of my students where I teach funeral law, but that will not affect my ability to make an impartial decision.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Williams – Madam Chair?

Chair Peebles – Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – No affiliation this time. Where's the hardship? I didn't see it in the packet.

Ms. Simon – That might be a question for - - and it might be a good time to swear in Mr. Clements.

Chair Peebles – Thank you. Hey, how are you?

Mr. Clements – I'm good.

Chair Peeples – Thank you for being here today. If you will let Ms. Simon swear you in, please.

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

Mr. Clements – Yes.

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

Mr. Clements – Scott Clements, C-L-E-M-E-N-T-S.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Mr. Williams has a question, and if you'll address it to Mr. Clements.

Mr. Williams – Yes, good morning again, Mr. Clements. Looking through your packet, I'm just trying to understand the hardship. From what I understand that qualifies for hardship I don't see it in your statement, other than you didn't pass the exam.

Mr. Clements – Yes, I'm just looking for an extension so I can get through the Board exams.

Chair Peeples – And caveating on Mr. Williams' question, have you taken both sections? Have you passed Science, but you haven't passed the Arts? Where are you in that?

Mr. Clements – I have taken the Arts, and I have not succeeded on that.

Chair Peeples – What about the Science portion?

Mr. Clements – I'm only doing the funeral director.

Chair Peeples – Because you are a funeral director intern, correct? Perfect, perfect. Any other questions for Mr. Clements? Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – So, I don't have an issue. I just don't want us to open ourselves up to a revolving door, because if we have the rule to say only one internship license per lifetime, then we have some wiggle room, what's the point of having the rule?

Chair Peeples – And I think Mr. Williams, in an answer to your question, and Ms. Munson or Ms. Simon may be able to correct me if I'm not correct, is when those folks are coming to us, as he mentioned his hardship is he has not been able to successfully pass the National Board exam, is we have been, instead of doing for just a certain amount of time, we've been doing because the previous was one year. We've just been utilizing one year to give them a second. So, if he can come back, is that correct Ms. Simon, after that one-year period and ask the Board, whatever the makeup of the Board at that time, for another one-year extension, so that can be a decision made by the Board members at that time. But it just kind of goes back to that's why there's ten (10) of us, with nine of us being here today. So, we all have our reasons of how and why we vote, like we do. Any follow-up, sir?

Mr. Williams – No, thank you.

Chair Peeples – Any other comments or questions for Mr. Clements?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the request to renew for an additional one-year period. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, which passed with one (1) dissenting vote.

Chair Peeples – Please let the record reflect that Mr. Williams voted No. Good luck, Mr. Clements.

Mr. Clements – Thank you.

Chair Peebles – Thank you for coming.

2. Funeral Director

a. Moore, Kaneisha F784955

Ms. Simon – Is Ms. Moore or a representative of Ms. Moore present?

Ms. Kaneisha Moore – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Thank you. Please state your name.

Ms. Moore – Kaneisha Moore.

Ms. Simon – An application to renew the Funeral Director Internship to continue course of study was received by the Division on June 19, 2026. Upon review and processing, the application was deemed complete. The applicant's Funeral Director Intern license pursuant to Rule 69K-18.002 (10), Florida Administrative Code, which allows only one internship per individual. Ms. Moore's funeral director's intern license expired on June 19, 2026, and her renewal application was received timely. The Division recommends approval to allow Mr. Moore to continue her online course of study at Northeast Texas Community College.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Ms. Moore, if you would let Ms. Simon swear you in, please.

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

Ms. Moore – Yes.

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

Ms. Moore – Kaneisha Moore, M-O-O-R-E.

Ms. Simon – Thank you.

Chair Peebles – Thank you, ma'am. Board members, do you have any questions for Ms. Moore? Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – Just to be consistent, Ms. Moore, what is your hardship in terms of asking this Board to grant it?

Ms. Moore – Good morning, Board members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you guys today. I am respectfully requesting to extend my internship for hardship [inaudible]. I had to make a hard decision to put my father into a home. He has bone cancer and I'm caring for my mother who has brain aneurysm. I have been trying to pass the National Boards. With everything that I've been going through I scored 69. [Inaudible] devoting my time to take the National Board.

Mr. Williams – Thank you.

Chair Peebles – Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – So I'm trying to think back. You can still take your Boards and not have an internship, correct? I mean, is that right? So basically, the internship is just helping her employment position, is that correct?

Ms. Moore – Yes.

Mr. Ferreira – Okay. So, if she wasn't employed, she can still take her Board exams, and it doesn't restrict her.

Mr. Jensen – May I?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Jensen – I'm sorry. I think she also mentioned she's not quite done with school yet, so when she gets to that point, then the school would turn it in for her to take the National Boards. But you've already taken it, correct?

Ms. Moore – I have taken it. So, I went back to school to get my embalmer.

Mr. Jensen – Oh, I see. So, you've completed the funeral director?

Ms. Moore – Yes.

Mr. Jensen – Got it.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Moore, I have a question. In our packet on Page 3, it shows on the supervisor's quarterly reports that the third quarter of 2025, fourth quarter of 2025, first quarter of 2026, and now the April 1st through June 19th, it said at the time when you had made your application that had not been presented. Can you address those three (3) quarters where the paperwork was not sent into the Division office?

Ms. Moore – Yes. So, I did email everybody in, and I believe my supervisor as well. I did have a lapse in my internship with employment. I did email Ms. Crystal that I was trying to find employment. I emailed everyone that I could to try to find employment. I am working at a funeral home now. I have letters from the funeral home that I've been at for almost ten (10) months now.

Chair Peeples – So, from your previous employment, has that supervisor, because that's part of what you're going to have to do as a funeral director, is you're going to have to follow up. You've got to dot your I's and cross your T's. So, this is part of that beginning that you're having right now. So, it shows that you have not -- there's three quarters that have not been submitted. Also did you submit paperwork to the Division that your internship changed? Because that has to be updated also.

Ms. Moore – Yes, ma'am. It has been updated as well.

Chair Peeples – Okay. I would highly suggest you get in touch with the Division office, okay, to follow up because we've got a lot of items that are not complete yet.

Ms. Moore – Okay.

Chair Peeples – Okay? So, thank you for taking that constructive suggestion. I appreciate that. Any other questions for Ms. Moore?

Mr. Clark – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Clark – I'm just curious. Did you start at St. Pete and then go to the Northeast Texas Community because there were courses you couldn't get into at St. Pete?

Ms. Moore – Yes.

Mr. Clark – Thank you.

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

Mr. Jensen – Yes. Madam Chair, just a comment. Maybe for, you know, Mr. Williams, I understand where his thinking is here. One of the big issues we have is that a lot of students coming out that actually have degrees are having a hard time finding internships. So, it does take them quite a bit of time sometimes. So, I think as a Board, we're being kind of lenient on that year

thing to give them time to do that plus, you know, passing the National Boards and so forth. But the main problem is finding internships has seemed to be an issue for a lot of students. You look at some of the websites and I mean there's ten (10) listings on there looking for internships, looking for internships. So that's it.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – Question for the experts. Can you take the National Boards without having an internship?

Mr. Jensen – Yes.

Mr. Williams – And I guess that's what my thought process was. Nothing is barring you from taking your exam, because we're talking two (2) different things, internship versus exam. So that's what my thought process was of the hardship in terms of your exam is not barring you from continuing to take it. That's predicated on the internship. I guess what I was going with was more so of if I have an internship and I'm running out of time because, you know, I just run out of time. That's another thing. That's how I was looking at it. But I may be wrong.

Mr. Jensen – No, I think you're right on track there. One of the things to consider though is, you know, these students have been to school and learned this stuff and now guess what? They've got to make a little money. So, the employment of the internship, which is their very first step, is vitally as important as passing the test almost if that's what they want to do in their career.

Mr. Williams – Madam Chair, if I follow up?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir.

Mr. Williams – So, ideally, if I was a student, it would be smart for me to go ahead and start taking the test, to pass the test, so that once I pass the test, I can just roll into the internship and then I won't have the issue of trying to get an extension if I run out of time for the internship.

Mr. Jensen – No, sir. That's not exactly how that works. So, you've got to complete the school to be able to be eligible to take the test.

Mr. Williams – Right.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am?

Ms. Moore – While I'm working at the funeral home, I'm learning so much to prepare me to take the National Board. Before when I took the National Board, I had no clue what I was doing. So, while I'm an employee at the funeral home, it definitely helps me.

Mr. Ferreira – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – So, I know that when the majority of us were in school, our last semester, they ran the National Boards. And we took the National Boards right before we graduated or right after. So, we got that part out of the way, then we had to do a one-year internship and then take our state test. But I would encourage all students to, one, go full-time. Okay? This is a part-time stuff where it's taking five, six, seven, eight years to get through a field, it's very difficult. So, I go full-time and I take my National Board immediately, and then we won't have these problems. But we talk to the schools, and we ask the schools, hey, make the test a part of your graduation, your passing of the test. We wouldn't have these issues. But they're telling us they can't do that.

Mr. Jensen – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir?

Mr. Jensen – I hate to beat the dead horse, and I do understand that. That's what it was for me when I went to school years ago. But it's gotten to be sort of an issue now. I do teach a class that actually, you know, a review class for this. But there's not a comp end or anything like that anymore like we used to have. You know, basically the best study material is the book you get from the Department, you know, for \$30 bucks, it's that thick and has all these different things in there. Knowing what to study. And there is a movement underway. I think Ms. Peeples is involved in this as well about getting some of the crazy questions and, you know, bringing it up to 2026, some of those things. So, I mean, it's being worked on, but the internship, you know, it's kind of a catch-22 because you've got to complete school to take the test. And then once you have completed school, you've got to work. And they're trying to work in their field. So, I don't even know how to fix it but it's a quagmire for sure.

Mr. Clark – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Yes, Mr. Clark.

Mr. Clark – If I can just add that. I asked my question about St. Pete College. I'm not picking on St. Pete. I'm a graduate of St. Pete. But we have had students who can't get in. They need one more class, two more classes to graduate and they can't get in. And some wait six (6) months. We had a couple of applicants that waited a year. And so, you get done with school, but you have to wait a year and then take the test. That delay, you know, can be challenging. So, I figure that's why you went to a different college to try to finish it up. And I would just say because we're in rulemaking, I mean, some of this we've talked about on the Rules Committee, and I still think there's opportunity for more robust discussion. In fact, in our last meeting, I encouraged all the schools to participate in the next Rules Committee because I think there's a chance to clean this up to help applicants and hopefully get them back to where I agree with you, Mr. Ferreira, take the test right after you graduate. If you have a good practicum, it's fresh in your mind to get the test done. But I understand your situation, so?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the request to allow Mr. Moore to continue her online course of study at Northeast Texas Community College. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed with one (1) dissenting vote.

Chair Peeples – Please let the record reflect Mr. Williams was a no. Thank you, Ms. Moore.

Ms. Moore – Thank you.

Mr. Jones – Good luck.

(b) Recommended for Denial

1. Funeral Director and Embalmer (Concurrent)

a. Martinez, Anniamary F073262

Ms. Simon – Is Ms. Martinez or a representative of Ms. Martinez here today?

Ms. Wiener – The applicant withdraws this application. Thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am.

J. Applications(s) for Registration as a Training Facility

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

(a) Florida Family Funeral Care, LLC d/b/a Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home (F932696) (Palatka)

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.

K. Application(s) for Cinerator Facility

(1) Recommended for Approval without Conditions

(a) Anago Cremation Facility, LLC (Boynton Beach)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity present today? Please step forward.

Mr. David Zulick – Thank you.

Ms. Simon – Please state your name.

Mr. Zulick – David Zulick.

Ms. Simon – And how are you affiliated with Anago?

Mr. Zulick – The owner of the facility.

Ms. Simon – Okay. Great. A change in ownership application for a cinerator facility was received on June 18, 2026. The application was considered complete on this same date. The FDIC will be Mr. David M. Zulick (F044229). A background check of the principal, Mr. David M. Zulick, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The facility has passed an onsite inspection. Therefore, the Division recommends approval without conditions.

Chair Peebles – Are you here for questions only, sir?

Mr. Zulick – Questions only.

Chair Peebles – Thank you. Board members, your pleasure?

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

Chair Peebles – Good luck, sir.

Mr. Zulick – Thank you. Have a wonderful summer.

L. Application(s) for Direct Disposal Establishment

(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

(a) Legacy Funeral Holdings of Florida d/b/a/ Cremation Specialists of Florida (Gulf Breeze)

Ms. Simon – This entity is being represented by Ms. Wiener during this meeting. A new application for a direct disposer licensure was received on April 23, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The Division received the required information to complete the application on June 15, 2026. The DDIC will be (F664471) Mr. Robert D. Ward. A background check of the principals, Mr. Michael Soper, Mr. William P. Wimberly, Mr. Brian K. Nichols, Mr. Stephen G. Boudreaux and Mr. Stephen E. Bassett, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. However, Legacy Funeral Holdings of Florida LLC DBA Collison Carey Hand Funeral Home received a \$2,000 fine and one year of probation in 2024 for failing to identify two (2) bodies before transportation to a cemetery. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff.

Chair Peebles – Questions only, ma'am?

Ms. Wiener – Yes, ma'am.

Chair Peebles – Board members, your pleasure?

Mr. Jensen – Question?

Chair Peebles – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – Yes. So, Ms. Wiener, I see a couple of issues here. On Page 6 of our packet, number G, it says that they're currently a funeral status or a direct disposal active business location address shown above. The address is the same address as Rose Lawn Funeral Home, the exact same address. Second issue I see, and the answer to the question says there's not, but it is. The second problem I got is the gentleman who's the DDIC, Mr. Ward, I believe his name is, is the DDIC, he's already listed as the FDIC of Rose Lawn Funeral Home. He can't be both.

Ms. Wiener – As I understand it, this is a conversion of the licensing from one type to another type, but there's no way to do that without filing a new application.

Mr. Jensen – You lost me there. Conversion of one type to the other?

Ms. Wiener – Can we table this one for a moment? Let me confirm. I don't want to misspeak. Let me confirm. I believe that this is a funeral establishment that's converted to a direct disposal establishment.

Chair Peeples – Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am. If you'd like to take some time.

Ms. Wiener – I will.

Chair Peeples – Sure. Thank you.

M. Application(s) for Funeral Establishment
(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions
(a) *Trinity Funeral Chapel, LLC (North Miami)*

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity present?

Mr. Jessie Wooden – Yes. Good morning, everyone.

Chair Peeples – Good morning, sir. Please state your name.

Mr. Wooden – Jessie Wooden, Trinity Funeral Chapel. Thank you all.

Ms. Simon – An application for funeral establishment licensure based upon a change of ownership was received on May 5, 2026. The application was incomplete when received. The sale of the business had taken place months before the Division received the application. The Division received the required information to complete the application on June 25, 2026. The FDIC will be Mr. Maurice H. Dixon (F046688). A background check of the principal, Mr. Jessie Wooden, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition(s) as follows:

1. That the establishment pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff
2. That the establishment be placed on one year of probation from the date of licensure.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Would you please swear in, Mr. Wooden?

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. Wooden – I do.

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

Mr. Wooden – Jessie Wooden, W-O-O-D-E-N.

Ms. Simon – Thank you, sir.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Board members, do you have any questions for Mr. Wooden?

Mr. Jensen – I do.

Chair Peebles – Mr. Jensen?

Mr. Jensen – I noticed on Page 9 the answer to question 16 says, complete the section in the application for approval of change of ownership. So, is this establishment currently a qualifying entity? You've got to know that it's not a change of ownership, but it apparently is a change of ownership that occurred months ago.

Mr. Wooden – Yes, that was an error. It is a change of ownership.

Mr. Jensen – Oh. Okay. So, I would request that the application be fixed to reflect the proper check on Page 9 of our materials, question number 16m, if that in fact is. Or do we even need to do that?

Chair Peebles – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – Is it recommended, Mr. Jensen, that the applicant change that information within the application and send it to the Division?

Mr. Jensen – I would absolutely think so because the applicant is the one that needs to be liable for answering the question.

Mr. Wooden – That question was addressed by Mr. Smith in Tallahassee from the previous owner. We took care of that. We did it {inaudible}.

Mr. Jensen – Mr. Smith in Tallahassee, who is that?

Ms. Simon – Mr. Kennedy Smith. He's the licensure expert for business entities, licensed business entities.

Chair Peebles – So, Ms. Simon, would this be an item that we may be able to vote on today with the condition that the application be updated, or would we need to table this application?

Ms. Simon – I think the former.

Chair Peebles – Perfect. Perfect. So, Mr. Jensen, any follow-up, sir?

Mr. Jensen – I'm good with that. Thank you.

Chair Peebles – Any other questions for Mr. Wooden? Board pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the establishment pass an inspection by a member of the Division staff, the license be placed on a one-year probation, and receipt of amended application prior to licensure. Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Chair Peebles – So, Mr. Wooden, what we're discussing here is you've requested for an establishment, and you're going to have to pass an on-site inspection as well as now updating the application. So, it would behoove you to get that application updated and into the Division office.

Mr. Wooden – Yes.

Chair Peebles – So, hearing the motion and the second, any other discussion by Board members? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion say yes.

Board members [Unison] – Yes.

Chair Peebles – All opposed say No. Motion carries. Good luck, sir.

Mr. Wooden – Thank you all so much.

N. Application(s) for Preneed Main
(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions
(a) Ava Cremations LLC (Clearwater)

Ms. Simon – This entity is represented by Ms. Wiener. The Department received an application for a new preneed license on May 20, 2026, and deficiencies were noted. All deficiencies were resolved as of July 9, 2026. The sole owner and member of the LLC is Todd M. DeGusipe. Applicant obtained its qualifying direct disposal establishment license as of December 18, 2025, under license # F922222 at the above listed location. If approved, Applicant will sell trust-funded preneed through Funeral Services Inc (FSI) and utilize their approved prearranged funeral agreement forms. It should be noted that the background check of the principal was returned with criminal history which was disclosed by Mr. DeGusipe (please see attached Adverse Licensing History Form which is the incorrect form for reporting criminal history). In May 2025, Mr. DeGusipe was originally charged with a misdemeanor for DUI which was reduced to a charge of reckless driving. Mr. DeGusipe has satisfied all conditions and paid all required fines. As of today's date, there have been no further disciplinary actions concerning this Applicant. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the Applicant's principal, Mr. DeGusipe, provides a complete Criminal History Form for disclosure of his criminal history charge to the Division within thirty (30) days of the Order being filed.

Chair Peeples – Questions only?

Ms. Wiener – Questions, and I can answer the other questions.

Chair Peeples – Well, we'll go back to that in just a moment. Thank you. We'll do two for one. Thank you. So, Board members, what is your pleasure?

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the Applicant's principal, Mr. DeGusipe, provides a completed Criminal History Form for disclosure of his criminal history charge to the Division within thirty (30) days of the Order being filed. Mr. Ferreira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Wiener. Now, let's go back to the other tabled item, which was the L(1)(a) Legacy Funeral Holdings.

L. Application(s) for Direct Disposal Establishment
(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions
(a) Legacy Funeral Holdings of Florida d/b/a/ Cremation Specialists of Florida (Gulf Breeze)

Ms. Wiener – The answer is there is a separate building on the property, and it is recognized as Building B in the application. The FDIC for both will be that same gentleman. Those buildings are certainly within seventy-five (75) miles of one another, and the location has already passed an on-site inspection within these perimeters.

Mr. Jensen – May I?

Chair Peeples – Yes, sir, Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Jensen – So, you're saying he's the FDIC of Rose Lawn Funeral Home, and he's also going to be the DDIC of the supposedly -- the reason I ask this, Madam Chair, is I'm very familiar with this location. I mean, I live two (2) miles from there. So that little building in the back that they used as a preneed office, you're saying that's going to be now this cremation place? But he can't be both.

Ms. Wiener – It can be both. In fact, if there's –

Mr. Jensen – No, Mr. Ward can't be both.

Ms. Wiener – Of course he can. You can be FDIC of two (2) locations as long as they are within seventy-five (75) miles of one another. That law was put into place years ago. Has that changed?

Chair Peeples – Is that correct?

Ms. Simon – It's of two (2) establishments. I understand your concern, Mr. Jensen, that one of them is a funeral establishment and one of them is a direct disposal establishment, but I believe that the law provides that an FDIC can be in charge of both of those facilities.

Ms. Wiener – It can be any 497 licensees. So, you could be the director in charge of a centralized embalming facility and a funeral home, a funeral home and a direct disposal establishment, a cinerary facility and a cinerary facility. Any two (2) licenses. The only prohibition or the only restriction is in a geographic location, seventy-five (75) miles as the crow flies between the two (2) locations.

Mr. Jensen – Yes. I think that was from the office of DDIC. I was trying to wrap my head around it. I understood the FDIC and the 75-mile thing, so I was just a little confused as to where they were putting that because I don't see any construction or anything. So, I was like, I mean, it's already a funeral and that doesn't change the fact that the application is wrong.

Ms. Wiener – No, the application identifies that it's Building B.

Mr. Jensen – Yes, but it's the same address and it asks if there's a funeral establishment on that property.

Ms. Wiener – Yes.

Mr. Jensen – And there is.

Ms. Wiener – And I think that it could be slightly misleading either way that you answered that. Many of my clients that have two (2) business operations in the same center where it's Suite A and Suite B, it will ask, is there another establishment at the same location, and because of the way the question is worded, if you answer No, but it's in Suite A and you're applying for Suite B, that can be a little misleading. If you answer Yes, that can also appear to be a little misleading. So, the applications are not always worded to elicit the most accurate information. And in this case, there is a funeral establishment at that primary street address. But on the application, this street address identifies a separate building, and the inspector did make note of that when the inspection was conducted and did pass the inspection.

Mr. Jensen – Okay.

Chair Peeples – Any further questions for Ms. Wiener?

Mr. Chapman – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Mr. Chapman?

Mr. Chapman – I know that building very well as well. They're going to run their cemetery operations out of there. They're going to run their preneed operation. Now they're going to run a direct disposal operation out of that small building, because there's two (2) offices in that building.

Ms. Wiener – Neither a cemetery office nor a preneed office, a preneed sales only office, is a licensed location. So, I assume that they could do that just the same way that people operate their preneed sales from within their funeral home. And some condo locations operate their cemetery operations from within the funeral home. So, there would be absolutely no prohibition against that in Chapter 497.

Mr. Chapman – Thank you.

Chair Peeples – You are welcome. Any other questions? What is the Board's pleasure?

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

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

O. Application(s) for Removal Service
(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions
(a) Honor Aeternus, LLC (Haines City)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity present today? Hearing no response. A new application for a removal service licensure was received on June 9, 2026. The application was considered complete on that same date. A background check of the principals, Ms. Megan K. Murphy and Mr. Dylan Murphy, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the removal service pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the removal service pass an inspection by a member of the Division staff. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(b) Red Hills Mortuary Transport, LLC d/b/a Red Hills Mortuary Transport, LLC (Tallahassee)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of this entity present today? Hearing no response. An application for a removal service licensure based upon a change of location was received on June 16, 2026. The application was considered complete on the same date. A background check of the principals, Ms. Rachel C. Busby-Drewek and Mr. Shawn M. Drewek, did not reveal any relevant criminal history. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that the removal service pass an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen moved to approve the application subject to the condition that the removal service pass an inspection by a member of the Division staff. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

P. Collective Coversheet
(1) Recommended for Approval with Conditions
(a) Rose Hill Cemetery Company LLC (Tampa)

- Application to Acquire Control of an Existing Cemetery Company
- Application for Transfer of Preneed License

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity present today?

Mr. Joseph Winters – Yes.

Ms. Simon – Please state your name, sir.

Mr. Winters – Joseph Winters, General Manager.

Ms. Simon – Rose Hill Cemetery Company LLC (Rose Hill), a limited liability company, has submitted the following: an application to acquire control of an existing cemetery company, and an application for transfer of a preneed main license, if approved, at the below listed location. More specifically, the entities that is being acquired is as follows:

- 1) Rose Hill Cemetery Company LLC, both a licensed cemetery and preneed main, License #F039451, physical address: 4406 E Chelsea St, Tampa, FL 33610

Included in your Board packets are the applications regarding the above-mentioned property. The change of ownership is the result of a stock purchase where 100% of all interests will be acquired by the new principals, David Schueler and Joseph Winters, as specified in the included letter from Mr. Schueler and Mr. Winter. The background check of the principals was

returned without criminal history. Applicant confirms that if there are currently any unfulfilled preneed contracts sold at this location, the obligation to fulfill those preneed contracts will be assumed under the new ownership for Rose Hill. The Division recommends approval subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That the closing on the transaction to acquire ownership shall occur within sixty (60) days of the date of this Board meeting.
- 2) That the closing on the transaction shall be substantially on terms and conditions as represented to the Board at this Board meeting.
- 3) That Applicant shall assure receipt by the Division within seventy-five (75) days of the Board meeting, of a letter signed by applicant or applicant's attorney, addressed to the Division, certifying that closing has occurred and stating the date of closing, and stating that closing occurred on terms and conditions not inconsistent with those as represented to the Board at this Board meeting, and providing a copy of the fully Bill of Sale, Asset Purchase Agreement, or other document by which the acquisition transaction is consummated, executed by all parties, and any and all amendments, schedules, and other attachments thereto, also fully executed.
- 4) That the Director of the Division of Funeral, Cemetery, Consumer Services may extend any deadline set out in these conditions by up to ninety (90) days, for good cause shown. The Director shall report any such extensions to the Board as an informational item.
- 5) That all representations by the applicant in the application and related materials provided to the Board or FCCS Division by the applicant, in support of the application(s), are deemed material to the Board's action herein.
- 6) That the Applicant (new owner or controlling party) shall assume all existing preneed liabilities, (if any), of the location(s) being acquired. condition that the establishment passes an inspection by a member of the Divisions staff.

Chair Peeples – Board members?

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

Chair Peeples – Good luck, sir.

Mr. Winters – Thank you.

- (b) Sunset Crematory LLC (Milton)*
 - *Application for Cinerator Facility*
 - *Application for Funeral Establishment License*

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity here?

Ms. Wiener – I am.

Ms. Simon – The applicant submitted applications for new licensure of a funeral establishment and licensure of a cinerator facility. If approved, both applicants will be operating out of the same location, as reflected below:

- A) Sunset Crematory, LLC d/b/a AI Cremations / Funeral Establishment
1053 NE 44th Court, Oakland Park, Fl. 33334
- B) Sunset Crematory, LLC / Cinerator Facility
I 053 NE 44th Court, Oakland Park, Fl. 33334

Both applications were received by the Division on June 17, 2026, and considered complete on the same date. The FDIC for the funeral establishment will be Ms. Amanda-Mae B. Orrett (F291824), and the FDIC for the cinerator facility will be Mr. Jason D. Fuller (F071606). A background check of the principal, Mr. Jason D. Fuller, 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 – Questions, Ms. Wiener?

Ms. Wiener – Yes ma'am.

Chair Peeples – Board members?

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

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am.

Ms. Wiener – Thank you.

Q. Related Items

(1) Recommended for Denial (Criminal History)

(a) Monument Establishment Retailer

1. The Headstone Place, LLC (Plant City)

Ms. Simon – Is there a representative of that entity present today? Please step forward, sir, and state your name.

Mr. Jermaine Williams – Jermaine Williams.

Ms. Simon – An application for 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 June 10, 2026. A background check of the principal, Mr. Jermaine Williams, revealed relevant criminal history in that Mr. Williams was convicted of the misdemeanor of Carrying a Concealed Weapon in October 2024. The Division recommends denial.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. Would you let Ms. Simon swear you in, please, sir, for questions?

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

Mr. J. Williams – Yes, absolutely.

Ms. Simon – Please state your name again and spell your last name.

Mr. J. Williams – I'm Jermaine Williams. W-I-L-L-I-A-M-S.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Thank you for being here today. Board members, do you have questions for Mr. Williams? If no questions, what is your pleasure? Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – So, this is October of '24, and I believe that law was -- I understand, when this happened, but I believe now that law is not even in place, right?

Mr. Jensen – That's correct.

Mr. Ferreira – I mean –

Mr. Jensen – Yes, the –

Chair Peeples – Excuse me, Mr. Jensen, Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – The law, the new statute 497.1411 would apply to this matter, but I do not believe that carrying a concealed weapon is a crime of moral turpitude.

Mr. Ferreira – But I guess the law I'm talking about is a concealed weapon law. I don't believe we have to have a concealed weapon at this point in Florida that we can carry and not have it. I know that's a whole another subject probably.

Ms. Simon – It's a whole another subject, and there is a conviction that's already in place.

Mr. Ferreira – All right

Chair Peeples – Does that complete your question, or do you have a question for Mr. Williams? Mr. Ferreira?

Mr. Ferreira – No.

Chair Peeples – Okay, one quick second. Ms. Munson, did you need to comment?

Ms. Munson – No.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Okay, Mr. Williams, you were next.

Mr. Williams – Mr. Clark.

Chair Peeples – Okay, Mr. Clark?

Mr. Clark – Mr. Williams, could you just talk about what happened, if you don't mind?

Mr. J. Williams – Yes, absolutely. It was a case where it was my sister's situation. She left her firearm in my vehicle, and after that situation happened. I ended up getting pulled over, and they got the firearm out of the vehicle, and it was {inaudible}. The higher charge actually was dropped.

Mr. Clark – Was it in the glove box, in the center console?

Mr. J. Williams – I don't know. I think it was in the glove box if I'm not mistaken.

Mr. Clark – Any other prior criminal history?

Mr. J. Williams – [Inaudible]

Mr. Clark – Thank you, Mr. Williams.

Chair Peeples – Any other questions, Ms. Clay?

Ms. Clay – You said that the charge was higher and was dropped?

Mr. J. Williams – Yes.

Ms. Clay – What was the original charge?

Mr. J. Williams – It was possession of firearms.

Ms. Clay – Okay. And the case was dismissed ultimately?

Mr. J. Williams – Yes, it was dropped, yes.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – If we're talking about this, carrying a concealed weapon, it was not dismissed totally. That was –

Mr. J. Williams – The –

Ms. Munson – The higher charge.

Ms. Clay – The higher charge.

Ms. Simon – Okay, I just wanted to make it clear that there was conviction regarding this.

Ms. Clay – Right, but as I understand it, the carrying the concealed weapon charge...okay.

Chair Peeples – Mr. Williams, do you have any prior knowledge of working in the monument industry?

Mr. J. Williams – Yes, absolutely. I've been in the industry since 2015. I started with a licensed company, Mona Lisa Monuments, in 2015. I spent a couple of years there, then I just got moved to another company, in maybe 2019, 2019 another licensed company. So, I've been in the monument industry actually since 2015, more than ten (10) years now.

Chair Peeples – And were those establishments near the Plant City area?

Mr. J. Williams – Yes, in the central area, so yes. So, maybe like a thirty (30) minute drive.

Chair Peeples – Thank you, sir. Any other questions for Mr. Williams? Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams – Motion to approve with conditions.

Mr. Clark – Second, Clark.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Simon?

Ms. Simon – I'm sorry. With the condition being an on-site inspection, passing an on-site inspection, because we recommend denial, so it's not here. So, I just wanted to mention that that would be the condition if you're recommending it.

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

Chair Peeples – Stay right there for us. We've got one more, sir.

(b) Monument Sales Agreement

1. The Headstone Place, LLC (Plant City)

Ms. Simon – In conjunction with that application for licensure, the entity also submits a monument establishment sales agreement. The Division recommends approval subject to the condition that two (2) full-sized print-ready copies of the revised monument sales agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) days of the Final Order executed in this matter, as well.

MOTION: Ms. Clay moved to approve the agreement subject to the condition that two (2) full-sized print-ready copies of the revised monument sales agreement are received by the Department within sixty (60) days of the Final Order executed in this matter. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Peeples – Good luck, sir.

Mr. J. Williams – Thank you, Board, so, so much.

Chair Peeples – Thank you for being here. Ms. Simon?

(2) Recommended for Approval with Conditions

(a) SCI Funeral Services of Florida LLC (Tallahassee)

1. Collective Applications

- **Application to Acquire Control of an Existing Cemetery Company**

- *Application for Transfer of Preneed License*

Ms. Simon – The applicant is represented by Ms. Pettine. SCI Funeral Services of Florida LLC (SCI), a limited liability company, has submitted the following: an application to acquire control of an existing cemetery company, an application for a funeral establishment license, and an application for preneed branch office license which will operate under SCI's preneed main license (License #F019227) (please see preneed branch addendum) if approved, at the below listed location. More specifically, the entities that are being acquired are as follows:

- 1) Overstreet of Florida LLC d/b/a Tallahassee Memory Gardens, a licensed cemetery, License #F078316, physical address: 4037 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303
- 2) Overstreet of Florida LLC d/b/a Abbey Funeral Home, a licensed funeral establishment, License #F039985, physical address: 4037 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303

Included in your packets are the applications regarding the above-mentioned properties. The change of ownership is the result of an asset purchase where 100% of all interests will be acquired by SCI, as specified in the attached letter from representative, Kaylee Gould, dated July 1, 2026. The background check of all the principals was returned without criminal history. Applicant confirms that if there are currently any unfulfilled preneed contracts sold at these locations, the obligation to fulfill those preneed contracts will be assumed by SCI. The Division recommends approval of the applications referenced above, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That the closing on the transaction to acquire ownership shall occur within sixty (60) days of the date of this Board meeting.
- 2) That the closing on the transaction shall be substantially on terms and conditions as represented to the Board at this Board meeting.
- 3) That Applicant shall assure receipt by the Division within seventy-five (75) days of the Board meeting, of a letter signed by applicant or applicant's attorney, addressed to the Division, certifying that closing has occurred and stating the date of closing, and stating that closing occurred on terms and conditions not inconsistent with those as represented to the Board at this Board meeting, and providing a copy of the fully Bill of Sale, Asset Purchase Agreement, or other document by which the acquisition transaction is consummated, executed by all parties, and any and all amendments, schedules, and other attachments thereto, also fully executed.
- 4) That the Director of the Division of Funeral, Cemetery, Consumer Services may extend any deadline set out in these conditions by up to 90 days, for good cause shown. The Director shall report any such extensions to the Board as an informational item.
- 5) That all representations by the applicant in the application and related materials provided to the Board or FCCS Division by the applicant, in support of the application(s), are deemed material to the Board's action herein.
- 6) That the establishment(s) under the application(s) herein pass an onsite inspection by a member of Division Staff.
- 7) That the Applicant (new owner or controlling party) shall assume all existing preneed liabilities, (if any), of the location(s) being acquired.

Chair Peeples – Ms. Pettine, questions only?

Ms. Lauren Pettine – Questions only.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. Board members, we're going to take two (2) different motions here. What is the Board's pleasure?

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

- 2. *Application(s) for Preneed Branch – Addendum H*

- *SCI Funeral Services of Florida LLC (F390731) (Tallahassee)*

Ms. Simon – Pursuant to s. 497.453, Florida Statutes, the entities referenced on Addendum H have applied for preneed branch licensure. The application was complete without reportable criminal or disciplinary history and accompanied by the required fee. It is recommended that the entity referenced on Addendum H be approved for the branch licensure applied for.

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

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Mr. Pettine.

Ms. Pettine – Thank you.

R. Executive Director's Report
(1) Operational Report (Verbal)

Ms. Simon – I would like to thank FCCFA for providing the room for today's Board meeting.

(2) Report on Payment of Disciplinary Fines and Costs (Informational)

Monthly Report of Fines and Costs Assessed and Paid Division of Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Services Date of Board meeting: July 23, 2020
 Date report was prepared: July 10, 2020

Licensee	Board Meeting	Case No.	Total Fine	Date Due	Paid in Full?	Comments
Emmanuel Funeral Homes Inc.	6/25/2020	361268-25-FC	\$2,260			
Peggy Johnson-Rahming	25-Jun	334886-24-FC	\$750			
Peggy J Johnson	6/25/2020	334886-24-FC	\$750			
The Monument Co. LLC	6/25/2020	360826-25-FC, 360867-25-FC, 360770-25-FC	\$3,500			
Lawrence Michael Bohuval	6/25/2020	308807-23-FC	\$3,000			
Dilton Michael Williams	6/25/2020	330838-24-FC	\$1,760			
Valerie Peterson Glover	6/25/2020	318186-23-FC	\$1,000			
Rhonda Ranae Lewis	6/25/2020	347312-25-FC	\$1,000			
Fritz Duvigneaud	6/25/2020	361267-25-FC	\$3,500			
Hammon Funeral Home	6/7/2020	360484-25-FC	\$1,000			
Stonemor Florida LLC d/b/a Arlington Park Cemetery	6/7/2020	320002-23-FC	\$1,500	6/26/2020	Paid in Full	
Eljah Bell	4/2/2020	361347-25-FC	\$1,260	7/5/2020		
Geronimo Mena Jr.	4/2/2020	348186-25-FC	\$600	7/5/2020	Suspended until \$2600 Paid	
Jane Benita Roy	4/2/2020	363381-25-FC	\$750	7/5/2020		
Gudes Funeral Home	4/2/2020	361274-25-FC	\$1,000	7/5/2020	Paid in Full	
Kristin Jewell	4/2/2020	334882-24-FC	\$600	7/5/2020	Paid in Full	
Stonemor Florida Subsidiary LLC	4/2/2020	361336-25-F	\$750	7/5/2020	Paid in Full	
Stonemor Florida Subsidiary LLC d/b/a Cox-Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory	4/2/2020	330867-24-FC	\$750	7/5/2020	Paid in Full	
Quality Vaults, Inc. d/b/a Quality Vaults and Monuments Inc.	4/2/2020	361271-25-FC	\$1,500	7/5/2020	Paid in Full	
Aable Development, Inc. d/b/a Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home and Cremation Services	4/2/2020	363668-25-FC	\$1,000	7/5/2020	Paid in Full	
Burney Bivens	4/2/2020	363668-25-FC	\$1,000	7/5/2020	Paid in Full	
Delina Holmes	4/2/2020	304107-22-FC & 340486-25-FC	\$5,760	12/5/2020		
Holmes Funeral Directors	4/2/2020	273843-20-FC, 304106-22-FC, & 340483-25-FC	\$9,260	12/5/2020	Paid \$4,250.00 balance of \$5,000 remains	
Richard Ezell Mason	4/2/2020	278686-21-FC, 306187-23-FC, & 306781-23-FC	\$3,000	7/8/2020	Paid in Full	
Travis Gibson	5-Mar-20	361268-25-FC	\$2,500	6/15/2020		
Cremation Services By the Sea LLC	5-Mar-20	363718-25-FC	\$600	6/15/2020	Paid in Full	
Michael Gunderud	5-Mar-20	363271-25-FC	\$600	6/15/2020	Paid in Full	
Michael O'Brien	5-Mar-20	348876-25-FC	\$1,000	6/15/2020	Paid in Full	
April Cooper	5-Mar-20	347806-25-FC	\$750	6/26/2020	Paid in Full	

Ruth Madison-Eaves	5-Mar-26	334934-24-FC	\$3,000	6/26/2026	Paid in Full	
Patriok Cooney	5-Mar-26	311916-23-FC	\$1,000	6/26/2026	Paid in Full	
Ganderson Brothers Mortuary	5-Mar-26	330871-24-FC	\$1,750	6/26/2026		
Hall Ferguson and Hewitt Mortuary PA	5-Mar-26	347466-25-FC	\$750	6/26/2026	Paid in Full	
Kimberly Rachel Meyers	5-Mar-26	345573-25-FC	\$750	6/26/2026	Paid in Full	
Northstar Cemetery Services of Florida LLC d/b/a Memorial Park Cemetery	5-Mar-26	287717-21-FC	\$1,000	6/26/2026	Paid in Full	
Northstar Cemetery Services of Florida LLC d/b/a Woodlawn Memory Gardens	5-Mar-26	287718-21-FC	\$1,000	6/26/2026	Paid in Full	
Dobles Funeral Home	5-Mar-26	334770-24-FC	\$1,750	6/26/2026	Paid in Full	
Hudson Chapel Crematory d/b/a Dobles Funeral Home & Crematory	5-Mar-26	334767-24-FC	\$1,500	6/26/2026	Paid in Full	
Patriok O'Neal	5-Mar-26	33785-24-FC	\$1,500	6/20/2026	Paid in Full	
Edward Urso	5-Mar-26	334783-24-FC	\$1,750	6/20/2026	Paid in Full	
Monarch Funeral Home & Cremation Services LLC	5-Mar-26	351267-25-FC	\$1,000	6/20/2026	Paid in Full	
William Savino	5-Mar-26	351268-25-FC	\$1,000	6/20/2026	Paid in Full	
Bell's Funeral Services, d/b/a Bell's Funeral Home and Cremation Services	5-Feb-26	351344-25-FC	\$1,250	6/20/2026		
Mitam Funeral Home	5-Feb-26	351269-25-FC	\$750	6/20/2026		
SE Combined Services of Florida LLC d/b/a Caballero Rivero Westchester	5-Feb-26	344177-25-FC	\$1,500	6/20/2026	Paid in Full	
Undertaking Grady LLC	5-Feb-26	351275-5-FC	\$750	6/20/2026	Paid in Full	
Bevis Colonial Funeral Home, Inc. d/b/a Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory	5-Feb-26	338230-25-FC	\$1,000	6/21/2026	Paid in Full	
Ed Kallis Memorial Services LLC d/b/a Edwards Cremation & Funeral Services:	5-Feb-26	348860-25-FC	\$1,500	6/21/2026	Paid in Full	
Harry T. Reid Funeral Home	5-Feb-26	347442-25-FC	\$4,000	6/21/2026	Paid in Full	
Maloney Funeral Home	5-Feb-26	347364-25-FC	\$750			
Evergreen Funeral Home, Inc. d/b/a Evergreen Funeral Home and Crematory:	5-Feb-26	347465-25-FC	\$750	6/21/2026	Paid in Full	
Caleb Anderson	5-Feb-26	333887-25-FC	\$750	6/21/2026	Paid in Full	
Rzy Williams Funeral Home	1/8/2026	347378-25-FC	\$1,250	6/21/2026	Paid in Full	
Duncan Brothers Funeral Home	1/8/2026	338189-25-FC & 258438-19-FC	\$1,750.00	6/21/2026	Paid in Full	
Phillips Mortuary	1/8/2026	347306-25-FC	\$1,250	6/21/2026	Paid in Full	
Alexander Funeral Home	1/8/2026	347361-25-FC	\$1,500	6/21/2026		
Donathon Cook	1/8/2026	338213-25-FC	\$2,500	6/21/2026		
Jorge Rivero	1/8/2026	344124-25-FC	\$1,000	6/21/2026		
Vior Funeral Home	1/8/2026	344123-25-FC	\$1,000	6/21/2026		
Aroher Funeral Home LLC	4-Dec-25	308410-23-FC	\$2,500	2/19/2026		
John Milton	4-Dec-25	308411-23-FC	\$2,500	2/19/2026		
All Points Removal Service	12/4/2025	317064-23-FC	\$7,500	2/19/2026		
Joseph Pinello	Nov-25	343571-25-FC	\$1,750	2/19/2026		
Pinello Funeral Home	Nov-25	343568-25-FC	\$1,750	2/19/2026		
Smith-Young's Funeral Home	Nov-25	348973-25-FC	\$1,000	2/19/2026		
Elren Lamar Johnson II	4-Sep-25	334748-24-FC & 343486-25-FC	\$500	11/18/2025		File sent to OGC for administrative action
Johnson & Family Life Celebration Center LLC	4-Sep-25	334714-24-FC & 343278-25-FC	\$1,500	11/18/2025		File sent to OGC for administrative action
Travis Gibson	7-Aug-25	318203-23-FC	\$500	4/14/2026		
Travis Gibson	7-Aug-25	318828-23-FC	\$5,000	4/14/2026		

Travis Gibson	7-Aug-25	318768-23-FC	\$2,600	4/14/2025		
Charles Chestnut IV	8/7/2025	334888-24-FC & 348817-25-FC	\$4,000	11/17/2025	Paid in Full	
Gloria 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	333148-24-FC & 333148-24-FC	\$1,260	10-Nov-25		
Roderick Stevens	28-May-25	338272-25-FC	\$1,760	18-Aug-25		
D A Jackson Funeral Home	28-May-25	338271-25-FC	\$3,600	18-Aug-25		
Geronimo Mena Jr.	2/8/2025	311861-23-FC	\$2,000	3/8/2025	\$500 fine and suspended until payment	Sent to OGC
Ronald Dolinar	1/2/2025	326266-24-FC	\$1,600	13-08-25	License Invalid 9/1/2025	Sent to OGC

 7-10-26

S. Chair's Report (Verbal)

Ms. Simon – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you, Ms. Simon. For those that don't know, this is the last meeting that Ms. Simon will be with us. She will be departing the Division on July 31st, and she's going to be greatly missed. And I just wanted to kind of give you all a little bit of background, and she is not aware that I'm doing this, but she has served the public as a state employee for over thirty (30) years.

Ms. Simon – Wow.

Chair Peeples – During those earlier years, she was a judge's clerk, a mediator, arbitrator, an Adjunct Professor, an Assistant State Attorney Prosecutor, an Attorney with the Department of Children and Families, an Assistant General Counsel with the Department of Health. While she was at the Department of Health, she prepared cases to be presented to various Boards, including the Board of Medicine, Board of Nursing, and the Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel. She began her work with our Division with the Department of Financial Services in the Office of General Counsel in 2007. She performed legal work for several of the Department's Divisions. It was then that she first became familiar with the Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services, presenting disciplinary cases before our Board and supervising the other attorneys who also worked on these matters. In 2014, she was appointed as the Assistant Division Director for the Division. As such, she's been primarily responsible for coordinating all legal issues and matters involving our Board and for overseeing the Division's Investigation Team. For over twelve (12) years, she's been a cornerstone of the Division and a passionate advocate for both consumers and licensees. She's going to be missed. So, I just want to tell you from my position as Chair and a Board member, thank you for all you have done, how you have kept us together, how you've been such an inspiration to us. And let's just give her a hand.

[APPLAUSE WITH STANDING OVATION]

Ms. Simon – Thank you all. Those are very kind words. It sounds really good coming from you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. I had a little help, so thank you.

Ms. Simon – This is very weird. It feels very odd because this has been -- I am so fond of all the Board members. And it is hard to leave the two (2) Board members that have been with me since the beginning, Mr. Jones and Mr. Clark. And there have been so many different ones, and I just am very fond of this group. So, thank you.

Chair Peeples – Thank you. We appreciate it.

T. Office of Attorney General's Report

(1) Attorney General's Rules Report (Informational)

Ms. Simon – Ms. Munson?

Ms. Munson – Yes. Very briefly, The Attorney General's Rules Report, which we review every month, has quite a bit of activity on it. It is provided for informational purposes. I think in the materials we have the July report, I also have the August report in front of me, and so you can see the continual momentum of how the rulemaking process is for each of the rules. We have quite a few rules now open for rule development, one of which is that rule which has just been stated to be related to the newest Statute 497.1411. We have a total of eight (8) rules open for rule development. Again, the rules report is provided for informational purposes.

**BOARD OF FUNERAL, CEMETERY, AND CONSUMER SERVICES RULES REPORT
JULY 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	03/31/2026	06/05/2026		
69K-5.0025	Inactive Preneed Licenses	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/05/2026		
69K-5.012	Application and Renewal Procedures for Broker of Burial Rights License	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026			
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	03/31/2026	06/05/2026		
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	03/31/2026	06/04/2026		
69K-17.0036	Course Required for Initial Licensure	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/04/2026		
69K-20.001	Report of Cases Embalmed or Bodies Handled	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026			
69K-21.009	Disinterment Reporting	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/04/2026		
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	03/31/2026	06/05/2026		

69K-33.001	Requirements Regarding Handling and Storing of Human Remains	04/02/2026	3/21/2026	03/31/2026	06/05/2026		
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

(2) *Rule 69K-7.005*

(a) *JAPC Letter - Rule Number 69K-7.005*

(b) *JAPC Response - Rule Number 69K-7.005*

(c) *Final - 69K-7.005 Performance Bond – Mausoleums or Below-Ground Crypts*

Ms. Munson – I would just like to, again, identify for informational purposes that there is an additional rule that is highlighted in the materials. It's Rule 69K-7.005. The reason it's added is because we received a JAPC correspondence dated back, I think, it was last month, requesting some information about the reference in the rule to a certain form, and you will see I provided an initial JAPC response identifying that I will at least alert or inform the Board about their letter and their inquiry. And also advise the Board at this time that the Division is looking at the information and determining how they're going to incorporate the form. I think there's a lot of discussions in the Division quite honestly in the department about adjusting forms, modifying forms, incorporating them in the rules. It's apparently quite an undertaking. So, this rule with this form is impacted by that discussion. When the Division has some type of final analysis of how they're going to do it, we will follow up with information to the Board, or they will follow up with information. I will follow up with information to the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee regarding that effort for incorporation.

69K-7.005 Performance Bond – Mausoleums or Below-Ground Crypts.

(1) As provided by Section 497.272, F.S., a cemetery may furnish the Board with a performance bond whenever such cemetery contemplates the sale of spaces in a section of a mausoleum or bank of below-ground crypts prior to the construction of such facilities. Such bond shall be in lieu of the payments outlined in Section 497.272, F.S. **An approved form of such bond is hereby adopted by the Board and designated as Form DFS-F-43 and titled "Performance Bond – Mausoleums or Below-ground Crypts."** No sale of such spaces, where a bond is being given to the Department in lieu of the payments provided by Section 497.272, F.S., shall take place prior to the delivery of such bond to the Department and receipt of written acceptance thereof by the cemetery or its agent.

(2) The amount of such bond shall be as determined by the Board. For a Section 497.272, F.S., bond determination, the cost of construction of a mausoleum or bank of below-ground crypts shall be determined by the Department on the basis of certified estimates of the design architect and two or more bids for such construction from contractors licensed to do business in the State of Florida.

(3) To be acceptable to the Board, the surety company on such bond shall be licensed to do business in the State of Florida and shall have been in business in this state with a record of successful operations for a period of at least five years prior to the execution of the bond and such surety company shall not be exposed on any one risk in an amount exceeding 10 percent of its surplus to policy-holders. Such surety company shall have at least the following minimum ratings in Best's Key Rating Guide or other similar such rating service or publication.

Bond Amount	Policy Holder's Rating	Required Financial Rating
0 to 100,000	B	Class VII
100,000 to 500,000	A	Class VIII
500,000 to 750,000	A	Class IX
750,000 to 1,000,000	A	Class X
1,000,000 to 1,500,000	A	Class XI
1,500,000 or more	A	Class XII

Rulemaking Authority 497.103 FS. Law Implemented 497.272(8) FS. History—New 12-22-81, Amended 3-24-82, Formerly 3D-30.30, 3D-30.030, 3F-7.005, Technical Change 3-9-26.

And I believe the only other information that I wanted to highlight with regard to the action of this Board is that we are approaching an opportunity for the -- I know we've had a discussion before, but the Division wants to be clear that if we ever need to open any additional rules for rulemaking between different actual meeting dates, that the Board approves the authority for the Chair to continue providing her initial approval for rule development. There's no final official movement of language without that coming before the Board, of course, but certain time-sensitive rules require the opening of rule development, and it's helpful for the Chair to have that opportunity to have discussions with the department and myself so we can actually open rules up for rule development. We've done so actually in some of the cases with these rule developments

that you see on the rule report today. So, I'm going to ask that there be an action item for the Board to approve that the Chair continue the authority to open rules for rule development for time-sensitive meetings so that we as a Board can always be in compliance with regard to our rulemaking necessary acts. So, I'll ask for that.

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved that the Chair continue the authority to open rules for rule development for time-sensitive meetings. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(3) Delegation of Authority (Action)

Ms. Munson – And the second item for Delegation of Authority, simply quickly, is we are coming up on the time, as we do every year, for the Annual Regulatory Plan. I think this is a standing delegation, but the Department wanted to make it clear that it is, in fact, understood by the Board that it is the delegated authority for any rules that we identify in the completion of the Annual Regulatory Plan that the Chair has the opportunity to approve that plan initially. Of course, the plan will come before the Board for final ratification. If there are any changes to it, the Board will be involved in that, whatever changes may be in play. But again, grant authority to the Chair for initial approval for the Annual Regulatory Plan, because that seems to come upon us very quickly. And if you will, that is an action item.

MOTION: Mr. Clark moved to grant authority to the Chair for initial approval for the Annual Regulatory Plan. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Munson – Thank you. That concludes my report.

U. Public Comments (Verbal)

Ms. Simon – Is there any public comments to be made during this meeting? Hearing no response.

V. Administrative Report as July 14, 2026

A.	New Cemetery Applications	0
	Recommended for Approval	0
	Pending	0
B.	Cemetery Acquisition Applications	2
	Recommended for Approval	2
	Pending	0
C.	Preneed License Applications	0
	Active Preneed Licenses	302
	Presented to the Board at this Meeting	1
	Pending	2
D.	Preneed License Branch Applications	1
	Active Preneed License Branches	329
	Recommended for Approval	1
	Pending	0
E.	Preneed Sales Agent Applications	32
	Active Sales Agents	3775
	Recommended for Approval	17
	Temporary Licenses Issued Pending Permanent	15
F.	Monument Establishment Applications	2
	Active Monument Establishments	90

	Pending	1
G.	Broker of Burial Rights Applications	0
	Active Brokers of Burial Rights	22
	Pending	0
H.	Exempt Cemetery Reports	0
	Active Exempt Cemeteries	58
	Pending	0
I.	New Establishment Applications	3
	Pending	3
	Completed	12
J.	New Individual Applications	7
	Pending	14
	Completed	11
K.	Request for Training Facility Applications	0
	Pending	0
	Completed	0
L.	Request for Continuing Education Providers and Courses	64
	Pending	0
	Completed	64
M.	Initial Inspections	5
	Completed	5
N.	Inspections	147
	Completed	147
O.	Initial Licenses Issued	11
	Renewal Licenses	300

W. **Disciplinary Report**

Notices of Non-Compliance Issued Since Last Meeting : June 25, 2026	0
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X. **Upcoming Meeting(s)**

- (1) *September 3rd (Videoconference)*
- (2) *October 8th (Videoconference)*
- (3) *November 5th (Videoconference)*
- (4) *December 3rd (Videoconference)*
- (5) *January 7th (Videoconference)*
- (6) *February 4th (Videoconference)*
- (7) *March 4th (In-Person – Tallahassee TBD)*
- (8) *April 1st (Videoconference)*
- (9) *May 6th (Videoconference)*
- (10) *June (In-Person – Date and Location TBD – FMA Annual Convention)*
- (11) *August 5th (Videoconference)*
- (12) *September 2nd (Videoconference)*
- (13) *October 7th (Videoconference)*
- (14) *November 4th (Videoconference)*
- (15) *December 2nd (Videoconference)*

Y. **Adjournment**

Ms. Simon – Madam Chair?

Chair Peeples – Thank you, ma'am. It is 12:25, and we're going to adjourn this meeting. Thank you all for attending today. This meeting is adjourned.