



Board of Funeral Service

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Unapproved Minutes

March 29, 2022

Members present: None

Members present via phone: Chris Thrane; James Minor, Daniel Coane

Member(s) absent:

Staff present: Derek Everett, Inspector; Gabe Gilman, General Counsel; Kasey Mayer, Licensing Administrator I; Kelsi Alger Administrative Services Coordinator; Tara Grenier, Licensing Administrator IV

Guests: Chris Palermo; Larry Davignon

1. 9:05 am Called to order

2. **Discussion Items:**

Bill H.244- Gabe Gilman, general counsel discussed the new rules and statues for the natural organic reduction of human remains. Chris Palermo discussed that the industry is pushing the new legislation and the processes and logistics that are involved. Jim Minor asked Inspector Derek Everett what inspections would look like for the new rule. Inspector Derek Everett stated that administrative rules for the natural organic reduction of human remains have not been security of the site and dignity of patient would be. Rules wouldn't vary much from a crematory and funeral home. Discussion of name change from crematory to disposition personnel or facility in Bill H.244

Discussion of Amended rule on Alternative Preparatory Path. Examination details were discussed. Chris Palermo discussed reaching out to community colleges to help with examination questions. Discussion of whether the embalming practical exam should be given by the board member or someone that was an apprentice supervisor. Gabe Gilman, general counsel made notes that the examination is unlikely to be administered by the college, should be independent of examinee's preceptor.

Gabe Gilman, General Counsel stated that the rules would be likely revised this summer and asked for the advisors to send any recommendations.

Derek Everett, inspector discussed corporate inroads into the state.

Funeral fund discussion about insurance when buying a business.

3. **Adjourn.** There being no further business to attend the meeting adjourned at meeting at 9:47 am.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

September 2022