

AGENDA
Vermont Board of Funeral Service
89 Main St. 3rd Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620-3402

April 12, 2016

9:00AM – Board Meeting

1. 9:00 Call to Order
2. 9:02 Approval of March 8, 2016 Minutes
Application – none
3. 9:05 Case Manager Report – Carla Preston, Case Manager
Concluded Reports: none
3. 9:20 Education Committee Report
4. 9:30 Rules
5. Correspondences

I find three sections of statute that would appear relevant:

- “‘Practice of funeral service’” means arranging, directing, or providing for the care, preparation, or disposition of dead human bodies for a fee or other compensation. This includes: ... (c) arranging, directing, or performing the removal or transportation of a dead human body ...” 26 V.S.A. § 1211(4).
- “‘Removal’ means the removal of dead human bodies from places of death, hospitals, institutions, or other locations, for a fee or other compensation.” 26 V.S.A. § 1211(5).
- “Any person who desires to engage in removals shall register with the Board,” however “[u]nregistered personnel may accompany registered personnel to assist in removals so long as they have been instructed in handling and precautionary procedures prior to the call.” 26 V.S.A. § 1252(f).

Because “transportation of a dead human body” is specifically identified as an act within the scope of the practice of funeral service (*id.* § 1211(4)), I tend to think at least one Board licensee—whether a licensed funeral director or registered removal personnel—should be directly on hand for the various forms of transportation. Section 1252(f) clearly anticipates that unregistered personnel may assist registered personnel, so I don’t know that any particular function, such as driving, is prohibited, so long as a licensee or registrant accompanies the unlicensed employee.

6. 11:30 Adjournment