

**NEVADA FUNERAL AND CEMETERY SERVICES BOARD**  
Legislative Subcommittee

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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***Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.***

Meeting via Teleconference with Public Access Location at:

Legislative Building  
401 South Carson Street, Room 2134  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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**1. Call to order, roll call, establish quorum**

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Members Present**

Bart Burton  
Tammy Dermody  
John Lawrence  
Chris McDermott  
Todd Noecker

**Board Staff Present**

Jennifer Kandt, Executive Director  
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General  
Colleen Platt, Deputy Attorney General

**Members Absent**

None

**2. Public comment**

**Note:** No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)

No public comment.

**3. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding election of subcommittee chair (For possible action)**

John Lawrence moved to nominate Bart Burton as chair of the subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Todd Noecker. Bart Burton abstained and the motion was carried.

**4. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding possible legislative topics and changes, timelines and strategies (For possible action)**

There was discussion that the Board should consider a certification for funeral arrangers who are actually working with the families.

John Lawrence extensively discussed a funeral practitioner license and stated that he wanted to see the Board add a funeral service practitioner license which would be a dual funeral director and embalmer license and that he wanted every establishment to be required to have a full time funeral service practitioner. Tammy Dermody stated that she felt that would be very difficult, especially in some of the more rural areas of the state. John Lawrence stated that there could be a three year time frame for implementing the new requirement.

Tammy Dermody said that she felt that each establishment should be required to have access to a licensed embalmer at all times. There was discussion surrounding whether the embalmer needed to be a full-time employee or if the establishment would only need to have access to an embalmer.

There was discussion regarding funeral directors that manage multiple facilities and questions surrounding how one person could be responsible for the facility if they are not physically present. Chris McDermott stated that he did not feel a funeral director could responsibly manage more than one facility.

Jennifer stated that she had concerns regarding the Board issuing a "Limited Establishment License" when there did not appear to be any reference to that type of license within NRS. Todd Noecker stated that the "Limited Establishment License" was the license to conduct direct cremations and immediate burials which was referenced in NRS 642.355. Todd said that the statute was very brief and should be revised. Tammy said that she felt that the license to conduct direct cremations and immediate burials should be eliminated.

There was discussion surrounding adding continuing education requirements for funeral directors and embalmers and suggestions for 6 to 12 hours per year.

FBI fingerprint background checks were discussed and Board members questioned whether the Board was conducting background checks. Jennifer clarified that the Board was conducting background checks but that they were not fingerprint based, so not as extensive. She stated that the Board would need specific authority within NRS for that type of background check.

There was general consensus that the subcommittee members needed to provide more detailed suggestions for changes. Bart Burton requested that the subcommittee members provide Jennifer a document with more detailed suggestions detailing exactly which statutes needed to be addressed.

Timing for the changes was discussed, as Jennifer stated that the full Board would still need to approve the suggested topics for changes. She said that those suggestions would then be given to Bustamante-Adams for inclusion in the Sunset Subcommittee report, which could then potentially result in a bill draft request.

**5. Discussion regarding future agenda items and future meeting dates**

Next meeting date was set for July 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm via teleconference.

**6. Public comment**

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**7. Adjournment (For possible action)**

Bart Burton adjourned the meeting at 2 p.m. DAG Colleen Platt explained that a motion was not needed to adjourn the meeting.