

NEVADA FUNERAL AND CEMETERY SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Friday, March 27, 2015, at 9:00a.m.

Meeting via Teleconference with Public Access:

Funeral and Cemetery Services Board Office

501 Hammill Lane

Reno, Nevada 89511

Please Note: The Board may 1) address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Board or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting; 2) combine items for consideration by the public body; and 3) pull or remove items from the agenda at any time. The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person. (NRS 241.030)

Public comment is welcomed by the Board, but at the discretion of the chair, may be limited to five minutes per person. A public comment time will be available before any action items are heard by the public body and then once again prior to adjournment of the meeting. The Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in his/her sole discretion. Once all items on the agenda are completed the meeting will adjourn. Prior to the commencement and conclusions of a contested case or a quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual the board may refuse to consider public comment.

Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or table.

1. Call to order, roll call, establish quorum

Members Present

Wayne Fazzino, Chair

Todd Noecker

Bart Burton

Tammy Dermody

Board Staff Present

Jennifer Kandt, Executive Director

Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General

Members Absent

Loretta Guazzini

Wendy Simons

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)

3. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding possible suggested amendments to SB 286 which revises provisions related to the funeral industry.

Link to the Bill can be found at the following location:

<http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB286.pdf>

Jennifer stated that a hearing for SB286 was held and that Senator Hardy had testified in support of the bill with several amendments. Jennifer stated that the proposed amendments were to:

Replace the term "Death Care Consultant" with the term "Funeral Arranger" throughout the bill.

Amend the statute to make all licenses and permits required by the Funeral Board valid for a period of two years. (Licensing of funeral arrangers creates approximately an additional 90 licensees for the Board. There is sufficient revenue to support renewal every two years.)

Amend section 9 regarding continuing education for funeral directors and embalmers to require 12 hours of continuing education before a license can be renewed and attach it to the two year renewal period which essentially requires 12 hours every two years.

Amend section 32, which provides for the existing 1-year internship to become a Funeral Director by stating that the applicant must have actively practiced for at least one year as a Funeral Arranger prior to application as a Funeral Director.

Add language that will prohibit individuals from offering online cremation services unless they have a physical location in the state.

Change the accrediting agency in NRS 642.080 and 642.100 to correctly state an embalming college or school of mortuary science which is accredited by "American Board of Funeral Service Education" not the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards. (The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards provides the National Examination, but does not accredit the mortuary schools.)

There was general consensus that these were appropriate amendments. Bart moved to accept the conceptual amendments and also give authority to the Executive Director to negotiate any further legislative issues. Tammy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Discussion regarding future agenda items and future meeting dates

Meetings scheduled for the following dates:

April 14, 2015

July 14, 2015

October 13, 2015

5. Public comment

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6. Adjournment (For possible action)

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.