BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA FUNERAL AND CEMETERY SERVICES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

TRENT STIMPSON, Funeral Director License FD952 and Embalmer License EMB879R, Case No. FB21-40

Respondent.

CONSENT DECREE

The State of Nevada Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services (BOARD) having jurisdiction over TRENT STIMPSON (RESPONDENT), Funeral Director License FD952 and Embalmer License EMB879R; pursuant to NRS 642.5175; complaint against said licenses having received alleging violations of the Nevada statutes and regulations controlling the practice of operating funeral directors and embalmers; and the parties being mutually desirous of settling the controversy between them relative to the pending complaint;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF RIGHTS

RESPONDENT is aware of, understands, and has been advised of the effect of this Consent Decree, which has been carefully read and fully acknowledged. RESPONDENT has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel of its choice.

RESPONDENT has freely and voluntarily entered into this Consent Decree, and is aware of its rights to contest the pending charges. These rights include representation by an attorney at his own expense, the right to file an answer in response to a formal complaint, the right to a public hearing on any charges or allegations formally filed, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against him, the right to present evidence on his own behalf, the right to testify on his own behalf, the right to receive written findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting the decision on the merits of the complaint, and the right to obtain judicial review of the decision. All of these rights are

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

being voluntarily waived by RESPONDENT in exchange for the BOARD'S acceptance of this Consent Decree.

If the Consent Decree is not accepted by the BOARD, no member of the BOARD will be disqualified from further hearing of this matter, by reason of his or her consideration of the Consent Decree. RESPONDENT hereby waive any claim of bias or prejudice based upon said consideration by any member of the BOARD in any subsequent disciplinary hearing conducted by the BOARD. Further, RESPONDENT is allowed to contest any and all issues and dispute all facts in the event the board does not accept the Consent Decree.

JURISDICTION

RESPONDENT acknowledges that the BOARD has jurisdiction over him, and the conduct alleged in the Complaint. RESPONDENT acknowledges that the BOARD has the legal power and authority to take disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the revocation of licenses to practice as a funeral director and embalmer in Nevada.

RESPONDENT acknowledges that the BOARD will retain jurisdiction over this matter until all terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Decree have been met to the satisfaction of the BOARD.

PUBLICATION OF CONSENT DECREE

RESPONDENT acknowledges that at the time this Consent Decree becomes effective, it also becomes a public document and will be reported to the State of Nevada, Legislative Council Bureau, Disciplinary Action Reporting System; and such other national databases as required by law. It is also understood that any meeting during which the BOARD considers and accepts or rejects this Consent Decree is open to the public and that the minutes of the BOARD meeting are a public document, available for inspection by any person so requesting.

INDEMNIFICATION

RESPONDENT, for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby indemnify and hold harmless the State of Nevada, the BOARD, the Nevada Attorney General's Office and each of its members, agents and employees in their

1 | i: 2 | a | 3 | fd | 4 | v | 5 | a |

individual and representative capacities against any and all claims, suits, demands, actions, debts, damages, costs, charges, and expenses, including court costs and attorney's fees against any persons entities as well as all liability, losses, and damages of any nature whatsoever that the persons and entities named in this paragraph shall have or may at any time sustain or suffer by reason of this investigation, this disciplinary action, this settlement or its administration.

STIPULATED FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

RESPONDENT understands the nature of the allegations under consideration by the BOARD. He acknowledges that the conduct alleged in the Complaint, if proven, constitutes violations of the Nevada Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services Practice Act (NRS and NAC 642) and NRS Chapter 451. He further recognizes that if this matter were to be taken to a disciplinary hearing before the BOARD, there is a substantial likelihood that the following allegations could be proven as true, and that as a result he would be subject to disciplinary action by the BOARD. As such, RESPONDENT does not contest the following allegations:

- 1. RESPONDENT held a valid funeral director license and embalmer license at all times relevant to this Complaint.
- 2. The BOARD initiated a complaint on or about October 1, 2021, alleging that on May 29, 2019, RESPONDENT was granted a funeral director and embalmer license during a public meeting due to the fact that he self-reported he had a pending criminal matter in the State of Idaho.
- 3. At the time of licensure, RESPONDENT had not been convicted of any crime, but there was a possibility of a future conviction.
- 4. During the public meeting, the BOARD conditioned RESPONDENT's license by requiring him to submit quarterly updates regarding the status of the case.
 - 5. RESPONDENT complied with this requirement for the last two (2) years.
- 6. On or about October 1, 2021, RESPONDENT self-reported that he had entered into a plea bargain whereby he plead guilty to GRAND THEFT in the State of

Idaho and one count of TAX EVASION for not paying for the Idaho State Income Tax on the sums of money allegedly taken. Sentencing is pending.

- 7. NRS 642.130(2) states that the Board may take disciplinary action against a person who is licensed to practice the profession of embalming pursuant to this chapter for unprofessional, unethical, or dishonest conduct.
- 8. NRS 642.5174(6) states that unprofessional conduct includes gross immorality.
- 9. NRS 642.5174(6) states that unprofessional conduct includes unethical practices contrary to the public interest as determined by the Board.
- 10. NRS 642.5175 states that the Board may take disciplinary action against any person who holds a license, permit or certificate issued by the Board pursuant to this chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS for conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.
- 11. NRS 642.5175 states that the Board may take disciplinary action against any person who holds a license, permit or certificate issued by the Board pursuant to this chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS for conviction of a felony relating to the practice of funeral directors.
 - 12. That pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 642.5175:
 The following acts are grounds for which the Board may take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, permit, or certificate issued by the Board pursuant to this chapter or chapter 451 or chapter 452 of NRS, or may refuse to issue such a license, permit, or certificate to an applicant therefor:

1) Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

2) Unprofessional conduct.

3) False or misleading advertising.

4) Conviction of a felony relating to the practice of funeral

directors or funeral arrangers.

- 5) Conviction of a misdemeanor that is related directly to the business of a funeral establishment, direct cremation facility, cemetery, or crematory.
- 13. That pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 642.5176: If the Board determines that a person who holds a license, permit or certificate issued by the Board pursuant to this chapter or chapter 451 or 452 of NRS has committed any of the acts set forth in NRS 642.5175 the Board may:
 - 1) Refuse to renew the license or permit;
 - 2) Revoke the license or permit;

5

8

9

10 11

12

13

14

15 16

17

18

19

20

21 22

23

24 25

26 27

28

- 3) Suspend the license or permit for a definite period or until further order of the Board:
- 4) Impose a fine of not more than \$5,000 for each act that constitutes a ground for disciplinary action;
 5) Place the person on probation for a definite period subject to
- any reasonable conditions imposed by the Board;
- 6) Administer a public reprimand; or
- 7) Impose any combination of disciplinary actions set forth in paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive.
 - a) The Board shall not administer a private reprimand.
- b) An order that imposes discipline and the findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting that order are public records.
- 14. RESPONDENT does not contest the allegations in the Complaint, and acknowledges that as a consequence they are subject to discipline pursuant to the above charges and statutory provisions.

STIPULATED ADJUDICATION

RESPONDENT stipulates that pursuant to the authority of NRS 642.5176, the BOARD will impose a suspension of his funeral director license and embalmer license for one (1) year. This suspension will be stayed, and RESPONDENT will be placed on probation for five (5) years. During the term of the probation, RESPONDENT agrees to comply with the following conditions:

- Within thirty (30) days of the approval and execution of this Consent Decree, RESPONDENT shall pay seven hundred seventeen and 20/100 dollars (\$717.20) in attorney's fees and costs. RESPONDENT may contact the BOARD within thirty (30) days and submit a proposal in writing and propose a reasonable request for a monthly payment plan to reimburse the BOARD. Any proposed reasonable payment plan must have the balance paid-in-full within one (1) year of the executed consent decree and must be approved by the BOARD'S Executive Director. Failure to remit payment to the BOARD for the attorney's fees shall be viewed as non-compliance by RESPONDENT as it pertains to this Consent Decree, with the BOARD engaging in the option to pursue collection of this unreimbursed cost.
- 2. Should RESPONDENT be charged with any crimes of moral turpitude during the term of the five (5) year probation, his license shall be suspended immediately.

- 1 2 3 4 licensure as a funeral director and embalmer by the BOARD. 5
- 6 7
- 8 9
- 10 11
- 12
- 13
- 14 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24 25
- 26
- 27
- 28 111

- RESPONDENT shall complete ten (10) hours of BOARD approved Continuing 3. Education in ethics by December 31, 2023. Documentation of completion of continuing education must be submitted to the BOARD. The ten (10) hours of continuing education course(s) cannot be used towards continuing education already required for continued
- RESPONDENT shall provide a copy of the consent decree to each employer 4. until all requirements of the Consent Decree have been met. Such notification shall be signed by each employer. RESPONDENT shall submit, upon request by the BOARD or its designee, satisfactory evidence of compliance with the terms of this Consent Decree.
- 5. RESPONDENT shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and orders of the BOARD, which are not inconsistent with this Consent Decree, pertaining to the practice of a funeral director and embalmer in this State. Any and all violations shall be reported by RESPONDENT to the BOARD in writing within seventy-two (72) hours.
- RESPONDENT agrees that it will be financially responsible for all requirements of this Consent Decree and any reasonable financial assessments by the Board for the Cost of monitoring its compliance or carrying out the provisions of this Consent Decree.
- 7. After five (5) years from the approval and execution of the Consent Decree, RESPONDENT shall submit a written request to the BOARD for termination of the probation. RESPONDENT understands that prior to terminating the probation it must prove to the BOARD's satisfaction that it has complied with all the terms and conditions of the Consent Decree. The BOARD may request additional information from RESPONDENT to determine compliance with the terms of the Consent Decree and may require that its representative meet with the Executive Director and BOARD counsel for further evaluation of its compliance with the Consent Decree. If the BOARD does not request additional information or initiate any further investigation, the probation shall be automatically terminated.

1

2 3

4

5

6

7 8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

VIOLATION OF TERMS OF CONSENT DECREE

RESPONDENT understands that the BOARD may, upon thirty (30) days' notice to him, convene a hearing for the limited purpose of establishing that he violated the terms of this Consent Decree. If such a hearing results in a finding of a violation of this Consent Decree, the BOARD may impose any penalty upon RESPONDENT authorized by NRS 642.5176.

RESPONDENT agrees to waive his rights to appeal the substantive legal basis of the original disciplinary action, which is the basis for this Consent Decree. In the event an alleged violation of the Consent Decree is taken to hearing and the facts that constitute the violation are determined to be not proven, no disciplinary action shall be taken by the BOARD.

ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD

This Consent Decree will be presented and accepted by the BOARD with a recommendation for approval from the Attorney General's Office at its next meeting.

COMPLETE CONSENT DECREE

This Consent Decree embodies the entire agreement between the BOARD and RESPONDENT. It may not be altered, amended, or modified without the express written consent of the parties.

DATED this 173 day of Whenle 2021

Robert J. Wines, Esq. Robert J. Wines, Prof. Corp.

687 6th Street, Suite 1 Elko, NV 89801

bobwines@citlink.net -738-3171 - Telephone 775-753-9860 - Facsimile

DATED this _____ day of November 2021

Treng Stimpson, Ruseral Director and Embalmer

Respondent

1	The foregoing Consent Decree between RESPONDENT and the STATE OF
2	NEVADA FUNERAL AND CEMETERY SERVICES BOARD in Case Nos. FB21-40 is
3	approved as to form and content.
4	DATED this 17th day of November, 2021.
5	AARON D. FORD
6	Attorney General
7	By:/s/ Henna Rasul HENNA RASUL
8	Senior Deputy Attorney General Office of the Attorney General
9	100 North Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701
10	(775) 684-1100 hrasul@ag.nv.gov
11	Counsel to the State of Nevada, Funeral
12	and Cemetery Services Board
13	
14	ORDER
15	By a majority vote on the day of, 2021, the State of Nevada Board
16	of Funeral and Cemetery Services approved and adopted the terms and conditions set forth
17	in the attached Consent Decree with TRENT STIMPSON.
18	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE.
19	DATED this 1674 day of DECEMBER, 2021
20	
21	STATE OF NEVADA FUNERAL AND CEMETERY SERVICES BOARD
22	111
23	By: Keny, w
24	DR. RANDY SHARP Board Chairman
25	
26	
27	
28	