

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

OKLAHOMA FUNERAL BOARD 3700 N. Classen, Suite 175 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

June 12, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS
Tom Coble
Darin Corbett
John Davenport
Glenn Dunn
Bart Watkins

STAFF Rochelle Covington Tyler Stiles Kylie Cooper, AAG Liz Stevens, AAG

MEETING PLACE: MEETING PLACE:

If attending in person at the physical location: Office of Chief Medical Examiner OKC, 921 N.E. 23rd Street Conference Room 1st Floor Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

A copy of this notice of meeting and agenda has been posted in a prominent location at the office of the Oklahoma Funeral Board, 3700 North Classen Blvd Suite 175, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on June 10, 2025 at 9:45AM. A copy of this agenda is available on the Funeral Board website at www.ok.gov/funeral

Vice-President Coble called the meeting to order at 10AM. Members Coble, Corbett, Davenport, Dunn, and Watkins were present. Members Matherly and Roberts were absent. A quorum was always present.

Motion by Dunn second by Davenport to approve the May 8, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Dustin Pierce with OKFDA reported that the 2025 session is over and the association worked tirelessly so HB2286 would not get vetoed.

Lorie Jones and Rowena Ehrman with OID reported that if you received a letter for examination and have any questions, reach out to them. Lorie.jones@oid.ok.gov and rowena.ehrman@oid.ok.gov

Dawn Plumb with OKDH reported that they are working through update issues and should have most issues resolved. The vendor for the new ROVER met with OKDH staff and are working on a plan to fix other issues. If there are any questions, please reach out to OKDH staff.

Motion by Coble second by Davenport to approve the following: Apprenticeship (Original) Lillian Laumbach, Yukon, Chapel Hill FH, OKC; Levi Sandusky, Canehill, Roberts/Reed-Culver FH, Stilwell; Lisa Shipman, Bartlesville, Stumpff FH&C, Bartlesville; Gabriella Hudspeth, Yukon, Ingram, Smith & Turner Mortuary, Yukon; Alaina Stegall, Edmond, Smith & Kernke FD, OKC. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Coble second by Davenport to approve the following: Apprenticeship (1st Extension). Teresa Harrelson, Yukon, Baggerley FH, Edmond; Carolyn Randolph, Elk City, Ray & Martha's FH, Hobart; Joshua Eastham, Tulsa, Stumpff FH&C, Bartlesville. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Coble second by Dunn to approve the following: Apprenticeship (2nd Extension). Tabitha Brown, Stillwater, Strode FH&C, Stillwater. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Coble second by Davenport to table the following: Funeral Director and/or Embalmer (Reciprocal), Tucson Smith, Texas; Kenneth Douglas, Louisiana; Stuart Thompson, Texas. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Coble second by Davenport to approve the following: Funeral Director and/or Embalmer (Original), Michael Parks, OKC (FD Only); Alpha Alex, OKC (FD Only); Caitlin Snell, Rose (FD Only); Rose Smith, Ada (FD Only); Tara Nunes, Tulsa (FD Only). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Coble second by Davenport to table the following: Establishments, Oklahoma Mortuary Service, Tulsa, request to change FDIC from Chris Powers to John Astle; Rose Hill, Tulsa, request to temporarily change FDIC from Shane Borum to Nick Reynolds; Our Lady of Angels Funeral Home and Cremation, OKC, new establishment, HJM LLC, Owner, Sarah Blank, OKC, FDIC; Four Pointes Cremation Services, OKC, new establishment, Central Oklahoma Heritage Funeral Directors, LLC, Owner, Kristi Harrison, OKC, FDIC. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Coble second by Davenport to table the following: Crematories, Oklahoma Mortuary Service, OKC, request to change FDIC from John Astle to Ty Astle; Oklahoma Mortuary Service, Tulsa, request to change FDIC from Chris Powers to John Astle. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no new business

Agency Financial update- Mr. Stiles reported gross receipts for May 2025 to be \$5,285.00 with \$428.50 going to the State of Oklahoma general fund. The expenses for the same timeframe totaled \$33,103.60 and net income after expenses totaled -\$28,247.10

2025 Legislative Session Bills-HB1029, HB2286, HJR1035

HB1029, by Rep. Kendrix, Extends the sunset of the Funeral Board by 1 year. This was vetoed by the Governor.

HB2286, by Mr. Speaker, creates the Funeral Director Assistant license. This bill also had an extension for the Funeral Board sunset until 2029. This passed and will go into effect July 1.

HJR1035, modified the Funeral Board rules. Passed through both chambers and will go into effect in mid July.

Mr. Roberts was presented with a plaque recognizing his service for the State of Oklahoma as a Board member for the past 10 years.

Motion by Watkins second by Davenport to adjourn the meeting at 10:11AM. The motion passed unanimously.

Brent Matherly
Oklahoma Funeral Board President