

# **TENNESSEE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS**

## **MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING**

**JANUARY 3, 2014**

The Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers conducted a teleconference meeting on Friday, January 3, 2014 beginning at 9:01 a.m. CST in Conference Room 1-B of the Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee, to consider adoption of "Emergency Rules for the Removal Service Registration".

The following individuals announced their participation in the meeting:

### **Board Members:**

Robert Starkey, President, Knoxville, TN  
Anita Taylor, Vice President, Chattanooga, TN  
Robert P. Helms, Lexington, TN  
Wayne Hinkle, Jefferson City, TN  
David Neal, Leoma, TN  
Jane Gray Sowell, Columbia, TN  
W. T. Patterson, Camden, TN

### **Staff Members:**

Robert Gribble, Executive Director  
Michael Driver, Chief Counsel, Division of Regulatory Boards  
Genesis Johnson, Administrative Secretary

### **Personally appearing for the meeting:**

Rachel L. Powers, Director of Program and Policy

After a quorum of the members being established via roll, President Robert Starkey called the teleconference meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. CST.

Michael Driver, Chief Counsel, Division of Regulatory Boards, made opening remarks in regard to the reason for the meeting, and reminded the Board that at the board meeting on December 10, 2013, Benton McDonough, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Emergency Rules for the Removal Service Registration to the board members. At the December 10, 2013 meeting, the Board properly adopted Emergency Rules for the Removal Service Registration but voted to hold-up on implementation of the Emergency Rules pending receipt of further financial data.

By motion of Wayne Hinkle, a determination of necessity for this teleconference meeting and that this emergency Rulemaking is necessary because "The agency is required by an enactment of the general assembly to implement rules within a prescribed period of time that precludes utilization of the Rulemaking procedures described elsewhere in this

chapter for the promulgation of permanent rules” pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-208(a)(5) in order to implement this program as required by the public Chapter.

Seconded by Robert Helms

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>			
<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Robert P. Helms</b>	X		
<b>Wayne Hinkle</b>	X		
<b>David Neal</b>	X		
<b>W. T. Patterson</b>	X		
<b>Jane Gray Sowell</b>	X		
<b>Robert Starkey</b>	X		
<b>Anita Taylor</b>	X		

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Wayne Hinkle to move forward with adoption of the Emergency Rules as previously approved at the December 10, 2013 board meeting.

Seconded by Jane Gray Sowell

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>			
<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Robert P. Helms</b>	X		
<b>Wayne Hinkle</b>	X		
<b>David Neal</b>	X		
<b>W. T. Patterson</b>	X		
<b>Jane Gray Sowell</b>	X		
<b>Robert Starkey</b>	X		
<b>Anita Taylor</b>	X		

Motion passed.

**ADJORN:**

A motion was made by Robert Helms to adjourn.

Seconded by Wayne Hinkle

Adopted by voice vote

The teleconference meeting was adjourned by President Robert Starkey at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert B. Gribble*

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Executive Director