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Embalming and Funeral Board Meeting
Open Session Minutes
March 3, 2026

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A § 20, the Board has convened a regular monthly meeting on March 3, 2026, in a hybrid format.

INFORMATIONAL NOTE: All votes were taken by roll call.

Board members present: Paul Phaneuf, Janet Leombruno, Yesenia Aguilera, Richard Gormley, Rebecca Ridley
Board Members absent: None
DOL Staff present: James Curley, Executive Director; Peter Kelley, Board Counsel; Mike Ryan, Licensing Administrator; John Hill, Board Administrative Staff

At 10:04 AM the Chair called the meeting to order, and the Executive Director noted the meeting was being recorded.

Welcome and Approval of New Applicants

- Funeral Home Assistant Applicants
 - **Geoffrey Carter, Douglas Rodrigues, Justin Dimanche, Brian Lamour**
- Embalming Apprentice Applicants
 - **Briana Hardy, Ava Casciano, Yannis Rigas, Alexis Gardiner, Sydney Johnson, Naiara Lemes**
- Swearing-in of Funeral Director Type 6 Applicants
 - **Meghan Nichols, Michael Bradley**
 - Sworn In

Approval of Minutes:

- Public Minutes from the December Board Meeting
 - Tabled for next month
- Public Minutes from the February Board Meeting
 - Tabled for next month

Executive Director Report

- Pre Needs Report
 - 372 Total Submissions
 - 87 Total Pre Needs missing
 - Send notice to 87 Funeral Homes missing pre needs report filing, confirming lack of submission.
- CEU Approvals
MOTION by Rebecca Ridley to Approve as outlined. Yesenia Aguilera seconded. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote,
- Members in favor: Paul Phaneuf, Janet Leombruno, Yesenia Aguilera, Richard Gormley, Rebecca Ridley
- Members opposed: None
- Motion Passed

Board Counsel Report

- Nothing to report

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting

- Nothing to report

At 10:39 am, the Board moved to exit the Public Session and enter Closed Session for the purpose of conducting an investigatory conference pursuant to G. L. c. 112, § 65C. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote Motion made by Janet Leombruno. Seconded by Rebecca Ridley.

- Members in favor: Paul Phaneuf, Janet Leombruno, Yesenia Aguilera, Richard Gormley, Rebecca Ridley
- Members opposed: None
- Motion Passed

During Closed Session, the Board took the following actions:

Docket	Status
2026-000023-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecutions

Adjournment – the next scheduled meeting is April 7,

11:28 AM, Yesenia Aguilera moved to exit closed session, enter open session and thereupon to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Rebecca Ridley. The Chair called for a Roll Call vote,

- Members in favor: Paul Phaneuf, Janet Leombruno, Yesenia Aguilera, Richard Gormley, Rebecca Ridley
- Members opposed: None
- Motion Passed

Documents used in the Open Public Session:

- Agenda for March 3rd 2026 Board Meeting
- List of Licensees for Welcoming and Swearing in
- List of Administratively approved CEUs

Executive Director

James Curley