

Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection Occupational and Professional Licensing District of Columbia Board of Funeral Directors **SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES Monday, November 19, 2024

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held a **SPECIAL** meeting on **Tuesday, November 19th, virtually via Zoom Teleconference.** In this Public Meeting and Executive Session, the Board discussed complaint regarding Dunn & Sons Funeral Home.

Mr. John McGuire, Board Chair, called the public meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: Mr. John McGuire (Chair), Ms. Asanti Williams (Vice Chair), Mr. Randolph Horton (Board Member), and Mr. Ernest Boykin (Consumer Member).

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Ms. Nicole McClendon (Program Manager), Mr. Marc Nielson (Legal Counsel), April Randall (Legislative Director), Jacqueline Noisette (Assistant Deputy Administrator), Terron McAbee (Program Support Specialist), George Batista (Investigator – CPU), Shakira Richardson (Program Manager – CPU) and Kimberly Troxler (Program Specialist).

Staff Members Absent: Andrew Jackson (Board Administrator)

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Brittani Davis Came to hear outcome of complaint against Dunn & Sons
- Temica Beamer Came to hear outcome of complaint against Dunn & Sons
- Michael Jackson Came to hear outcome of complaint against Dunn & Sons

Agenda Item: EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

We will now go into executive session, which is closed to the public, in order to consult with our attorneys to seek legal advice; to discuss disciplinary matters; and to deliberate upon decisions in adjudication actions and proceedings, as provided by D.C. Code \S 2-575(b)(4)(A), \S 2-575(b)(9), and \S 2-575(b)(13). We will resume the public portion of the meeting at the conclusion of the executive session. Please stand by for our return if you are participating online.



Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Ernest Boykin, and properly seconded by Mr. Randolph Horton, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session via individual roll call. Vice Chair Asanti Williams recused herself from Executive Session.

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- Michael Jackson vs. Dunn & Sons Funeral Home
 - Violation #1 Willfully makes or files a false report or record in practice of his or her occupation or profession, willfully fails to file or a record a report required by law, impedes or obstructs a filing or recording of the report or induces another to fail to file or record a report.
 - Violation #2 Violates any District or Federal law, regulation or rule related to the practice of the occupation or profession.
 - Violation #3 Demonstrates a willful or careless disregard for the standard of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within the occupation or profession.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Ernest Boykin and properly seconded by Mr. Randolph Horton, the Board voted unanimously to levy fines for disciplinary actions against Dunn & Sons totaling \$10,000 as follows: Violation #1 -\$2500; Violation #2 -\$2500 and Violation #3 - \$5000. Additionally, the licensee will be required to take a total of 6 hours of remedial continuing education courses as follows: 3 hours cremation best practices and 3 hours ethical business practices, to be completed within 90 days of this ruling.

Michael Jackson vs. Dunn & Sons Designated Funeral Director, Ms. Asanti Williams

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Ernest Boykin and properly seconded by Mr. Randolph Horton, the Board voted unanimously to reprimand or censure the Designated Funeral Director and impose a \$3000 fine.

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Randolph Horton and properly seconded by Mr. Ernest Boykin, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:27am.



Respectfully submitted,

Mr. John McGuire, Board Chair

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