DC Board of Funeral Directors

Minutes of the Public Session Meeting

Date: October 1, 2026

Attendance

- **Board Members:** J. McGuire (Chair), Ernest Boykin, Kasey Martin
- **Staff/Staff Representatives:** Allison Wade, Sidon Yohannes

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1. Administrative & Procedural Discussions

Prior to opening the public session motions, the Board and staff addressed the following administrative tracking items:

- **Executive Session Agendas:** Sidon Yohannes addressed previous confusion regarding agenda structures. She clarified that the Board can legally separate public and executive agendas or explicitly list specific case numbers/names on the public agenda, provided no confidential information is compromised.
- **Agenda Verdict:** The Chair, J. McGuire, stated a strong preference for maintaining **distinct, separate executive session agendas** to keep non-public notes confidential. Hearing no objections, the Board adopted this path to ensure members have full case notes in front of them without public exposure.
- **Quorum Re-establishment:** The public session was briefly paused while Allison Wade contacted Kasey Martin to establish a full voting quorum. The session successfully proceeded once all three board members were present on the line.

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2. Board Motions and Voting

The Chair reconvened the public session, noting that no external public members were in attendance. The Board reviewed and acted upon the following legal matters coming out of their executive session. **All motions passed unanimously** with no opposition.

Matter / Case	Board Motion / Action	Moved By	Seconded By	Result

Leslie Sarvia v. W.H. Bacon Funeral Home Inc.	Dismiss the complaint due to insufficient evidence and no violation found.	E. Boykin	K. Martin	**Passed**
Lynette Davis v. Stewart Funeral Home	Dismiss the complaint due to insufficient evidence and no violation found.	K. Martin	E. Boykin	**Passed**
Arlene Harley v. Frazier Mason Memorial Funeral Home	Dismiss the complaint due to insufficient evidence with no violation found.	E. Boykin	K. Martin	**Passed**
Special Meeting Scheduling	Hold a special meeting to review proactive inspections and investigations on **October 9, 2026, at 11:00 AM**.	K. Martin	E. Boykin	**Passed**

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3. Closing Remarks & Scheduling Announcements

- **Board Reflections:** Kasey Martin expressed appreciation for the thorough review process, noting increased confidence in the Board's decision-making integrity.
- **Forum Staging Details:** The Chair reminded members of an upcoming forum on the **29th** beginning at 6:00 PM. Board members are requested to arrive no later than **5:30 PM** to account for potential staging room logistics while the main auditorium clears.

4. Adjournment

Following the conclusion of scheduled scheduling announcements, the meeting proceeded toward official adjournment.