

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS & EMBALMERS
FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
MINUTES
January 16, 2018
1:00 P.M.

Department of Health Professions
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300
Henrico, Virginia 23233

CALL TO ORDER: The Formal Hearing of the Board was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Omps, FSL, Chair
Frank Walton, FSL
Louis Jones, FSL
Mia Mimms, FSL
Tommy Slusser, FSL
Blair Nelsen, FSL
Connie Steele, FSL

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin L. Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Corie Tillman Wolf, Executive Director
Lynne Helmick, Deputy Executive Director
Sarah Georgen, Licensing and Operations Manager

COURT REPORTER: Mary F. Treta, Court Reporter
Crane-Snead & Associates, Inc.

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESS: Joyce Johnson, Senior Investigator, DHP

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Robert K. Wickline, FSL, Reinstatement Applicant**
License No.: 0502-100847
Case No.: 182399

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

With seven (7) members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Wickline did not appear before the Board in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated December 18, 2017. Ms. Gaines stated proper notice was made to Mr. Wickline at his address of record with the Board and she stated that Mr. Wickline emailed the Board on January 2, 2018, stating that he would not be attending the hearing.

Mr. Omps ruled that proper notice of the hearing was provided to Mr. Wickline and the Board proceeded in his absence.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from the witness called by the Commonwealth.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Frank Walton, and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting at 1:15 p.m., pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Robert Wickline, FSL Reinstatement Applicant. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Barrett, Ms. Tillman Wolf, Ms. Helmick, and Ms. Georgen attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

The Board voted to re-convene at 1:47 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Mr. Walton certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Board reconvened in open session.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Mimms and duly seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board moved to deny Mr. Wickline's application for reinstatement. Further, it was ordered that Mr. Wickline's license be continued on indefinite suspension for a period of not less than 12 months. Motion carried.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.



Larry Omgs, FSL, Chair

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Corie Tillman Wolf, J.D., Executive Director