

**FINAL
VIRGINIA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS & EMBALMERS
FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
MINUTES**

February 26, 2020

**Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233**

CALL TO ORDER: The formal hearing of the Board was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mia F. Mirums, FSL, President
R. Thomas Slusser, FSL Member
Connie Steele, FSL Member
Joseph Frank Walton, FSL Member
Jason Graves, FSL Member
Kenneth Scott Hickey, M.D., Citizen Member
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin L. Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

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

COURT REPORTER: Commonwealth Court Reporters, Inc.

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH'S WITNESS: Mark Cranfill, Senior Investigator, DHP

OTHERS PRESENT: Ross M. Miller
John Ramsey
Diane Powers

MATTER: Kenya L. J. Stewart, FSL
License No. 0502-9008819 (Expired March 31, 2019)
Case No.'s: 191319, 191317, 191058, 191417

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

With six (7) members present, a quorum was established.

DISCUSSION:

Kenya L. J. Stewart did not appear before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated January 15, 2020. The Certified Mail receipt has not been received and tracking information has not been updated by USPS. Neither the certified or first class mail was returned. Ms. Stewart was not represented by legal counsel.

Ms. Foley stated that proper notice of the hearing was provided to Kenya L. J. Stewart to the address of record with the Board.

Ms. Mimms ruled that proper notice of the hearing was provided to Kenya L. J. Stewart and the Board proceeded in her absence. The Board received evidence and sworn testimony on behalf of the Commonwealth regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by R. Thomas Slusser, and duly seconded by Joseph Frank Walton, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting, 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 Kenya L. J. Stewart, FSL. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Barrett, Ms. Tillman Wolf, 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:

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

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Joseph Frank Walton and duly seconded by Dr. Kenneth Hickey, the Board moved to revoke the license of Kenya L.J. Stewart, FSL. The motion carried.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 11: 24 a.m.



Mia F. Mimms, FSL, Chair



Corie Tillman Wolf, JD, Executive Director

07/27/2020

Date

July 29, 2020

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