

VIRGINIA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
March 17, 2023

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers was convened at 10:06 A.M., on March 17, 2023 in Training Room 2, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blair Nelsen, FSL
Joseph Frank Walton, FSL
STAFF PRESENT: Corie Tillman Wolf, J.D., Executive Director
Florence Venable, Discipline Operations Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist for Edward R. Breslow
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist for Brian Cable and Stanley Stevens
Murrell Thornhill

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED: Edward Breslow, Intern Applicant
Mr. Breslow appeared accompanied by his employer Mr. Murrell Thornhill.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Walton moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:25 a.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Breslow. Additionally, Mr. Walton moved that Tillman Wolf and Ms. Venable attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:50 a.m.

Mr. Walton moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Nelsen moved to issue an *Order to Approve* Mr. Breslow application for registration as a Funeral Director Intern and place Mr. Breslow on *Indefinite Probation with terms* for the duration of his internship.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Mr. Breslow unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Breslow within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Board Order which will be mailed to the respondent at the address of record.

**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:**

Brian Michael Cable, FSL Applicant
Mr. Cable did not appear.

Ms. Corey provided information to the Committee that there did not appear to be evidence of Notice provided to Mr. Cable. Ms. Corey moved that the matter be continued.

ACTION: Mr. Nelsen moved to *Grant a Continuance*, due to the Notice and exhibits being sent to old address. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:**

Stanley Stevens, FSL 0502-770028
Mr. Stevens did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Walton moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:05 p.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Stevens. Additionally, Mr. Walton moved that Ms. Tillman Wolf and Ms. Venable attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:43 p.m.

Mr. Walton moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

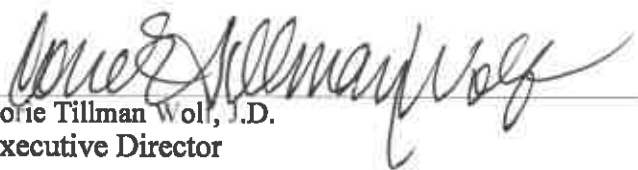
ACTION:

Ms. Nelsen moved to Issue an Order for a *Monetary Penalty* of \$30,000 within 30 days of the entry of the order. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Mr. Stevens unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Mr. Stevens within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Board Order which will be mailed to the respondent at the address of record.

The Board adjourned at 1:45 p.m.


Corie Tillman Wol, J.D.
Executive Director