

APPROVED

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS & EMBALMERS
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

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

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 10:07 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Leonard, FSP, Chair
Christopher Vincent, FSP
- DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Lynne Helmick, Deputy Executive Director
Kathy Petersen, Discipline Operations Manager
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, APD
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Erik Kather, Owner
Delores Tharpe
- MATTER:** Kather Removal Service
License # 0509-000168
Case # 146075
- DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kather appeared before the Committee in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated March 1, 2013. Mr. Kather was present and was not represented by counsel.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations as referenced in the March 1, 2013, Notice.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Vincent, and duly seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Committee 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 Kather Removal Service. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Helmick, Ms. Petersen and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its discussions. The Committee entered into closed session at 11:39 a.m.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session at 12:36 p.m.

DECISION: Mr. Vincent moved to issue a Consent Order for indefinite suspension for no less than two years. After two years and upon request for reinstatement, Mr. Kather must appear before a formal administrative hearing for determination of his reinstatement request.

VOTE: The motion was seconded by Mr. Leonard, and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Mike Leonard, FSP, Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

Date

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