

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

Friday, October 21, 2022

**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 1:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jason Graves, FSL, President, (Chair)
Joseph Michael Williams, FSL, Vice President
Joseph Frank Walton, FSL
Lacyn Barton, FSL
S. Jonathan Hines, FSL
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member
Steve Clemmons, Citizen Member

BOARD COUNSEL:

M. Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General
James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

DHP STAFF PRESENT:

Corie Tillman Wolf, Executive Director
Sarah Georgen, Licensing & Operations Manager

COURT REPORTER:

Andrea Pegram Court Reporting Services, LLC.

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF
COMMONWEALTH:**

Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative
Proceedings Division

**COMMONWEALTH'S
WITNESS:**

Wendy Ashworth, Senior Investigator, DHP
Robert N. Baker, IV, FSL

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kelly Baker
Angela Pearson

MATTER:

**Patrick Lee Morris, FSL
License No.: 0502-900915
Case Number: 208132**

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

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

DISCUSSION:

Patrick Lee Morris, FSL, was not present, nor was counsel or a representative for Patrick Morris.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony on behalf of the Commonwealth regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Joseph Michael Williams and duly seconded by Lacyn Barton, 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 Patrick Lee Morris, FSL. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Saunders, Mr. Rutkowski, 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:

Having 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 Michael Williams and duly seconded by Lacyn Barton, the Board voted to revoke the right to renew the license of Patrick Lee Morris, FSL. The motion carried.

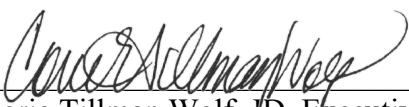
VOTE:

The vote was unanimous. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

For the Board:



Corie Tillman Wolf, JD, Executive Director

April 28, 2023

Date

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CALL TO ORDER: The formal hearing of the Board was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Graves, FSL, President, (Chair)
Joseph Michael Williams, FSL, Vice President
Joseph Frank Walton, FSL
Lacyn Barton, FSL
S. Jonathan Hines
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member
Steven Clemons, Citizen Member

BOARD COUNSEL: M. Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General
James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

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

COURT REPORTER: Andrea Pegram Court Reporting Services, LLC.

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Pearson

MATTER: **Fenton Lee Bland, Jr., FSL**
License No.: 0502-860051
Case Number: 216888

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With seven (7) members present, a quorum was established.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bland appeared before the Board in accordance with the Notice of Formal Hearing dated August 24, 2022. Mr. Bland was represented by counsel, Charles Cuthbert.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony on behalf of the Commonwealth and Mr. Bland regarding his petition to be released from probation.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Joseph Michael Williams and duly seconded by Lacyn Barton, 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 Fenton Bland, FSL. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Saunders, Mr. Rutkowski, 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:

Having 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 Michael Williams and duly seconded by Lacyn Barton the Board ordered that Mr. Bland's petition to be released from probation is denied and he is continued on indefinite probation under the same terms and conditions set forth in the Board Order dated March 17, 2020. The motion carried.

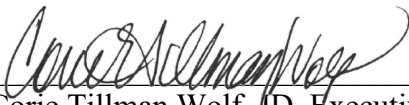
VOTE:

The vote was 4-3.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

For the Board:



Corie Tillman Wolf, JD, Executive Director

Date April 28, 2023