

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

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**Thursday, June 16, 2022**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The formal hearing of the Board was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Graves, FSL, Vice President (Chair)  
Joseph Michael Williams, FSL  
Joseph Frank Walton, FSL  
Lacyn Barton, FSL  
R. Thomas Slusser, Jr., FSL  
Mia Mimms, FSL  
Blair Nelsen, FSL  
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member

**BOARD COUNSEL:** James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Corie Tillman Wolf, Executive Director  
Kelley Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Angela Pearson, Senior Discipline Manager

**COURT REPORTER:** Halasz Reporting & Video

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH:** Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Julia Bennett, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

**COMMONWEALTH'S WITNESS:** Jermial Gray, Senior Investigator, DHP

**RESPONDENT'S WITNESS:** Thomas Bryant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Angela Pearson

**MATTER:** **Robert Paul Jones, FSL Reinstatement Applicant**  
**License No.: 0502-890015**  
**Case Numbers: 136986, 137352 & 216565**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:**

With eight (8) members present, a quorum was established.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Robert Paul Jones appeared before the Board in accordance with the Notice of Formal Hearing dated May 24, 2022. Mr. Jones was not represented by counsel.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Joseph Michael Williams and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, 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 Robert Paul Jones, FSL Reinstatement Applicant. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Rutkowski, Ms. Tillman Wolf, Ms. Palmatier and Ms. Pearson 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 denied the application for reinstatement of the Funeral Service License of Robert Paul Jones. Mr. Jones is continued on indefinite suspension for not less than twenty-four months. The motion carried.

**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous. (8-0)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

For the Board:

Kelley Palmatier  
Kelley W. Palmatier, JD, Deputy Executive Director

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The formal hearing of the Board was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Graves, FSL, Vice President (Chair)  
Joseph Michael Williams, FSL  
Joseph Frank Walton, FSL  
Lacyn Barton, FSL  
R. Thomas Slusser, Jr., FSL  
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member

**BOARD COUNSEL:** James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

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

**COURT REPORTER:** Halasz Reporting & Video

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

**COMMONWEALTH'S WITNESS:** Renee White, Senior Investigator, DHP

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Angela Pearson

**MATTER:** **Carson A. Robbins, FSL Reinstatement Applicant**  
**License No.: 0502-900455**  
**Case Number: 207044**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With six (6) members present, a quorum was established.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Carson Robbins appeared before the Board in accordance with the Notice of Formal Hearing dated May 24, 2022. Mr. Jones was not represented by counsel.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Joseph Michael Williams and duly seconded by R. Thomas Slusser, Jr., 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 Robert Paul Jones, FSL Reinstatement Applicant. Additionally, he moved that 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 granted the application for reinstatement of the Funeral Service License of Carson A. Robbins contingent upon terms of the Order. Within 45 days of the Order, provide evidence of compliance with the terms of the June 3, 2008 Board Order. Within 90 days of the Order, provide evidence of passage of the state examination for the practice of funeral services. Upon receipt of evidence of compliance with the terms, once the license is issued, Mr. Robbins will be on indefinite probation for no less than three years. During the period of probation, Mr. Robbins shall not serve as a manager of record and shall not engage in the counseling or sale of preneed funeral contracts. The motion carried.

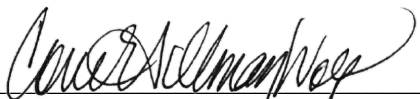
**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous. (6-0)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

For the Board:

  
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Corie Tillman Wolf, JD, Executive Director

September 20, 2022  
Date