

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

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**September 20, 2022**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Blair Nelsen, FSL, Chair  
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelley Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Angela Pearson, Senior Discipline Manager  
Claire Foley, Administrative Proceedings Division

**MATTER:**

**Tamir L. Faison, FSL  
License No.: 0502-900715  
Case Number: 214153**

**DISCUSSION:**

Tamir L. Faison, FSL, appeared before the Committee in accordance with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated April 26, 2022.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations as referenced in the Notice of Informal Conference with Tamir L. Faison, FSL.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by a Muhammad Hanif and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, 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 Tamir L. Faison, FSL. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Palmatier and Ms. Pearson attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its discussions.

**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.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Muhammad Hanif and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, the Committee voted and ordered that no sanction be imposed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

*Kelley W. Palmatier*

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Kelley W. Palmatier, J.D., Deputy Executive Director

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Blair Nelsen, FSL, Chair  
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelley Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Angela Pearson, Senior Discipline Manager  
Christine Corey, Administrative Proceedings Division

**MATTER:**

**Benjamin Blake Foster, Embalming Intern Applicant  
License No.: 0514-000002  
Case Number: 222269**

**DISCUSSION:**

Benjamin Blake Foster, Embalming Intern Applicant, appeared before the Committee in accordance with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated August 17, 2022.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations as referenced in the Notice of Informal Conference with Benjamin Blake Foster, Embalming Intern Applicant.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by a Muhammad Hanif and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, 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 Benjamin Blake Foster, Embalming Intern Applicant. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Palmatier and Ms. Pearson attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its discussions.

**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.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Muhammad Hanif and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, the Committee voted and ordered indefinite probation for not less than eighteen months with terms and conditions to include quarterly supervisor reports.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Blair Nelsen, FSL, Chair  
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelley Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Angela Pearson, Senior Discipline Manager  
Claire Foley, Administrative Proceedings Division

**MATTER:**

**James Lester Baswell, F.S.L.  
License No.: 0502-900413  
Case Number: 212240**

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**Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Inc.  
License No.: 0501-000191  
Case Number: 212247**

**DISCUSSION:**

James Lester Baswell, F.S.L. and Manager of Record for Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Inc., appeared before the Committee in accordance with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated July 22, 2022.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations as referenced in the Notice of Informal Conference with James Lester Baswell, F.S.L., as individual licensee and as Manager of Record and representative for Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Inc.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by a Muhammad Hanif and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, 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 matters of James Lester Baswell, F.S.L. and Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Inc. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Palmatier and Ms. Pearson attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its discussions.

**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.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Muhammad Hanif and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, the Committee voted to refer these matters to a Formal Administrative Hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 2:58 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Blair Nelsen, FSL, Chair  
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelley Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Angela Pearson, Senior Discipline Manager  
Claire Foley, Administrative Proceedings Division

**MATTER:**

**Casey Martin Jones, F.S.L.  
License No.: 0502-901242  
Case Number: 212879**

**DISCUSSION:**

Casey Martin Jones, F.S.L., appeared before the Committee in accordance with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated July 22, 2022.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations as referenced in the Notice of Informal Conference with Casey Martin Jones, F.S.L.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by a Muhammad Hanif and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, 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 Casey Martin Joes, F.S.L. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Palmatier and Ms. Pearson attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its discussions.

**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.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Muhammad Hanif and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, the Committee voted and ordered a reprimand and monetary penalty.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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