

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

**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 9:23 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jonathan Hines, FSL, President, (Chair)
Scott Hickey, MD, Vice President
Amanda Perry, FSL
Tommy Slusser, FSL
Tommy Owens, Citizen Member
John Piotrowski, FSL
Blair Nelsen, FSL
Jason Graves, FSL

BOARD COUNSEL:

Sara Blose, Senior Assistant Attorney General

DHP STAFF PRESENT:

Corie Tillman Wolf, Executive Director
Annette Kelley, Deputy Executive Director
Florence Venable, Discipline Operations Manager

COURT REPORTER:

Canandez Long, County Court Reporting

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF
COMMONWEALTH:**

Emily Tatum, Senior Adjudication Specialist,
Administrative Proceedings Division

**COMMONWEALTH'S
WITNESS:**

Wendy Ashworth, Senior Investigator, DHP
Charrell Tabb (Video)
Denise Carroll
Raekwon Hopkins (Telephone)

**RESPONDENT'S
WITNESS:**

Elgin Brown

MATTER:

Premier Funeral Service, Inc.

Case Numbers: 250344, 251201, 253943, 255594

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A
QUORUM:**

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

DISCUSSION:

Premier Funeral Service, Inc., appeared before the Board in accordance with the Notice of Formal Hearing dated April 15, 2026.

Elgin Brown and Natarsha Merritt, FSL, appeared for Premier Funeral Service, Inc., which was not represented by counsel.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Scott Hickey, MD, and duly seconded by Blair Nelsen, FSL, 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 Premier Funeral Service, Inc.

Additionally, Scott Hickey, MD, moved that Ms. Blose, Ms. Tillman Wolf, Ms. Kelley, and Ms. Venable 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 §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, the Board reconvened in open session.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Scott Hickey, MD and duly seconded by Tommy Owens, Citizen Member, the Board voted to revoke Premier Funeral Service, Inc.'s right to renew its license to practice as a Funeral Establishment.

The motion carried.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

For the Board:



Corie E. Tillman Wolf, JD, Executive Director

July 15, 2026

Date