

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

April 6, 2021

**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 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Thomas Slusser, Jr. FSL, President (In-Person)
Kenneth "Scott" Hickey, M.D., Vice-President (Virtual)
Mia Mimms, FSL Member (Virtual)
Joseph Frank Walton, FSL Member (Virtual)
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member (Virtual)

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin L. Barrett, Assistant Attorney General (Virtual)

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Corie Tillman Wolf, Executive Director (In-Person)
Sarah Georgen, Licensing and Operations Manager (Virtual)

COURT REPORTER: Able Forces Court Reporters (Virtual)

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist (Virtual)

COMMONWEALTH'S WITNESS: Katie Land, Senior Investigator, DHP (Virtual)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelley Palmatier (Virtual)
Henry Fisher (Virtual)
Angela Pearson (In-person)

MATTER: Pleshette Cook
Funeral Service Intern Applicant
Case No.: 207025

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

With seven (5) members present, a quorum was established.

DISCUSSION:

Pleshette Cook appeared before the Board virtually in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated March 2, 2021.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Scott Hickey, and duly seconded by Frank Walton, 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 Pleshette Cook. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Barrett, 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, upon motion by Dr. Scott Hickey, the Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Frank Walton and duly seconded by Mia Mimms, the Board moved to deny the Funeral Service Intern Application for Pleshette Cook. The motion carried.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

R. Thomas Slusser, Jr.

R. Thomas Slusser, Jr, FSL, Chair

Corie Tillman Wolf

Corie Tillman Wolf, JD, Executive Director

July 13, 2021

Date

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An audio recording of this meeting can be accessed at:

https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/funeral/fun_calendar.htm