

**Agenda for the March 11, 2026
Meeting of the State Board of Funeral Directors**



**Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors**

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Time

Executive Session: 9:00 A.M.
Public Session: 10:30 A.M.

Location

In-Person

CoPA HUB
Eaton Conference Room – 1st Floor
2525 North 7th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

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Timothy Fritsch, Esquire

Board Administrator

J. Leslie Warner

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MEETING CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting minutes from January 21, 2026

REPORT OF PROSECUTORIAL DIVISION

Timothy A. Fritsch, Esq.

Consent Agreement and Order

2. Case Nos. 25-48-002281 & 25-48-010229

REPORT OF BOARD COUNSEL

Proposed Adjudication and Order

3. Antoine M. Turay – Case No. 25-48-009565

Reconsideration of Course Denial

4. Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association, FED000006 – Every Life is Worth Remembering = What Celebrants Can Do for You - Case No. 26-48-001407
5. Wilbert Funeral Services Inc, FED000051 – Unclaimed Cremated Remains - Case No. - 25-48-019304

REGULATORY ISSUES

6. Regulatory Status Report

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON

REPORT OF BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

7. Jill Askin – FS016123 – Additional Employment – Reconsideration

CORRESPONDENCE

8. Religious Exemptions - Email

REQUESTS FOR REVIEW

Ratifications

9. FED000006 – Restoring the Familiar: The Biology & Art of Effective Mortuary Cosmetics*
10. FED000006 – Greenlight on Green Funerals*
11. FED000006 – Bloodborne Pathogens*
12. FED000006 – Funeral Industry – A Roundtable Discussion*
13. FED000012 – Meeting Families Where They Are: Alkaline Hydrolysis in Practice*
14. FED000012 – Natural Organic Reduction 101*
15. FED000012 – The Importance of Proper Paperwork*
16. FED000012 – The U.S. Navy Burial at Sea Program*
17. FED000012 – Green Light on Green Funerals*
18. FED000012 – Understanding the Legal Landscape of Alternative Disposition Methods*
19. FED000012 – Mastering the Media: Turning Interviews into Opportunities*
20. FED000012 – Back to the Basics in the Prep Room*
21. FED000013 – Legal Compliance & Ethics and Funeral Service*
22. FED000013 – Rooted in Care the Brand Blueprint for the Modern Funeral Home*
23. FED000013 – Innovations in Funeral Service Technology*
24. FED000013 – Embalming Panel Discussion*
25. FED000013 – South African Funerals*
26. FED000013 – Succession Planning & Intergenerational Business Transition*
27. FED000036 – Three Tools for Improving Your Business*
28. FED000036 – Ethics In Funeral Service*
29. FED000036 – Communication Skills Fundamentals*
30. FED000036 – Complying with the FTC Funeral Rule*
31. FED000036 – Aftercare an Introduction*
32. FED000036 – Phone Shoppers Your Best First Impression*
33. FED000036 – Cremation & The Environment Online Course*
34. FED000036 – Cremation Arrangement Conference Best Practices*

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- 35. FED000036 – The Power of Presence Introduction*
- 36. FED000036 – Presentation Without Preservation*
- 37. FED000042 – “Modern Grief, Messy Families, and the Funeral Directors Evolving Role”*
- 38. FED000042 – The Power of Human Connection – Creating Meaningful Connections with the People You Serve and the People You Employ*
- 39. FED000042 – It’s Not Personal...It’s Personality: Enhancing Communication in Funeral Service*
- 40. FED000051 – The Critical Importance of Preneed on the Future of Deathcare*
- 41. FED000051 – More Presence, More Care*
- 42. FED000051 - Alternative Treatments When Standard Embalming is not Chosen*
- 42. FED000051 - Engaging with Hospice*
- 44. FED000105 - Ethically Serving Seniors*

Denied Course

- 45. FED000006 – Funeral Home Workplace Safety*
- 46. FED000013 – Membership Has Its Perks: The Value of Death Care Organizations*

APPOINTMENTS

Miscellaneous

OLD BUSINESS - NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

***Items Discussed in Executive Session**

**Next Board Meeting Date: May 13, 2026
(Being held In-Person and Virtually)**

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**2026 FUNERAL DIRECTOR
BOARD MEETING DATES**

~~January 21, 2026~~
March 11, 2026
May 13, 2026
July 15, 2026
September 9, 2026
November 24, 2026

**2027 FUNERAL DIRECTOR
BOARD MEETING DATES**

January 20, 2027
March 17, 2027
May 5, 2027
July 21, 2027
September 22, 2027
November 10, 2027

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