



Pennsylvania
Department of State

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

Agenda for September 9, 2026

Time

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

Location

In-Person

Eaton Conference Room
2525 North 7th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Online via Microsoft Teams

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Board Members

*Kenneth Dupree, Chairperson
Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Gregory Furlong, Vice Chairperson
Eric D. Ruggeri, Secretary
Christopher Feryo, Professional Member
Jennifer Kirk, Esquire,
Office of Attorney General, Bureau of
Consumer Protection Representative
Chad M. Lutz, Professional Member*

Board Counsel

Shawn Jayman, Esquire

Board Prosecution Liaison

Timothy Fritsch, Esquire

Board Administrator

Jason Gustitus

Vacancies

Public Member, vacant

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MEETING CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting minutes from July 15, 2026

REPORT OF PROSECUTORIAL DIVISION

Timothy A. Fritsch, Esq.

Consent Agreement and Order

2. Case No. 24-48-007469

REPORT OF BOARD COUNSEL

Final Adjudication and Order

3. Christopher W. Mazzino – Case No. 26-48-002642

Proposed Adjudication

4. Timothy E Beville Jr – Case No. 26-48-001121

Motion To Deem Facts Admitted

5. Thompson – Case No. 26-48-005271
6. Kopicki – Case No. 26-48-004808 and 25-48-011832

REGULATORY ISSUES

7. Regulatory Status Report

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON

REPORT OF BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

8. FED000013 – Exhibition Hall

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

9. Barry Adams – AA0007140254 – Initial Trainee

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUESTS FOR REVIEW

Ratifications

- 10. FED000005 – Burnout, Compassion, Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma in Funeral Directors
- 11. FED000006 – Honoring Service Building Trust Becoming the Preferred Funeral Home for Veterans
- 12. FED000012 – Leading the Next Generation of Funeral Service Professionals Strategies to Influence Engage and Retain a Changing Workforce
- 13. FED000012 – The Job Behind the Job
- 14. FED000012 – Intellectual Property Basics for Funeral Directors- Music Licensing and Beyond
- 15. FED000013 – Building Trust Before They Walk Through the Door
- 16. FED000051 – Building Strong Online Community Be Part of Their Lives Not Just Their Loss
- 17. FED000051 – Good People, Unethical Choices
- 18. FED000051 – Foundational Funeral Law Cases
- 19. FED000051 – The ROI of Safety and Compliance: How to Lower OSHA Fines and Insurance Premiums
- 20. FED000051 – Evolution of Our Profession and Cultural Rituals
- 21. FED000051 – Artificial Intelligence, Fact and Fiction
- 22. FED000051 – Beyond the Transfer – Helping Funeral Professionals Answer to Questions Families Ask
- 23. FED000051 – Funeral Service Ethics
- 24. FED000051 – Can I Do That
- 25. FED000086 – Navigating Grief Support, Loss and Bereavement
- 26. FED000103 – Why Proactive Preneed is the Growth Strategy You Can't Afford to Ignore
- 27. FED000103 – Beyond the Broadcast How Funeral Homes Are Turning Livestreams Into a Powerful Business Tool
- 28. FED000103 Getting ROI Out of Aftercare At Your Funeral Home Turning Compassion Into Long Term Value
- 29. FED000103 - The Compassionate Hand Off Maintaining Empathy & Presence in 24/7 Funeral Care
- 30. FED000103 - Modern Marketing Strategies For Funeral Homes

APPOINTMENTS

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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Next Board Meeting Date: November 24, 2026

2026 Board Meeting Dates

November 24, 2026

2027 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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