

**Agenda for the January 21, 2026  
Meeting of the State Board of Funeral Directors**

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

**Agenda for January 21, 2026**

**Time**

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

**Location**

*In-Person*

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

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**Board Members**

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Kenneth Dupree, Chairperson  
Gregory Furlong, Vice Chairperson  
Eric D. Ruggeri, Secretary  
Christopher Feryo, Professional Member  
Chad M. Lutz, Professional Member  
Jennifer Kirk, Esquire,  
Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection Representative  
Public Member, Vacant

**Board Counsel**

Shawn Jayman, Esquire

**Board Prosecution Liaison**

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 December 9, 2025

**REPORT OF PROSECUTORIAL DIVISION**

**Timothy A. Fritsch, Esq.**

**Consent Agreement and Order**

2. Case Nos. 24-48-016326 & 25-48-010364

**REPORT OF BOARD COUNSEL**

**Proposed Adjudication and Order**

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

**Final Adjudication & Order**

4. Todd T. Thompson & Todd T. Thompson Funeral Home, Inc. Respondents Case No. 23-48-016833 24-48-011743 25-48-003690

**Discussion**

5. Maryland State Funeral Directors Association - 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – Case No. 25-48-011205

**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**

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**APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

7. Jill Denise Askin – Supervisor Application – Additional Employment

**CORRESPONDENCE****REQUESTS FOR REVIEW****Ratifications**

8. FED000006 – Managing Risk in the Funeral Home\*
9. FED000006 – The Power of META Platforms Elevating Funeral Home Visibility\*
10. FED000006 – Review of the FTC Funeral Rule\*
11. FED000006 – Grief: The Funeral Directors Role-Providing After Care Services\*
12. FED000012 – Mastering the Media: Turning Interviews into Opportunities\*
13. FED000051 – The Cremation of Sam McGee: A Profile of the Modern Cremation Consumer \*
14. FED000080 - Assessing Level of Risk with Bereaved Individuals: The Role of “Selfhood” \*

**Denied Course**

15. FED000006 – Every Life is Worth Remembering = What Celebrants Can Do For You\*

**APPOINTMENTS**

16. Chief, Division of Fiscal Management – Taylor Koch– Financial Presentation
17. New Deputy Chief Counsel – Shana Walter – Annual Prosecution Report

**Miscellaneous**

18. Sunshine Act and Recusal Presentation

**OLD BUSINESS - NEW BUSINESS**

19. New Board Officers – Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Committees

**PUBLIC COMMENTS****ADJOURNMENT**

**\*Items Discussed in Executive Session**

**Next Board Meeting Date: March 11, 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

**Board Telephone number:**

**1-833-367-2762**

**Department of State Website:**

**[www.dos.pa.gov](http://www.dos.pa.gov)**

**Board Website:**

**[www.dos.pa.gov/funeral](http://www.dos.pa.gov/funeral)**