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Minutes of the July 25, 2018
Rules Review Committee

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

10:17 a.m.

Pursuant to 4717.03(A) of the Revised Code, the State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors convened in Room South A, of the Vern Riffe Center for Government and Arts, 77 South High Street to discuss the proposed administrative rules with the following board members present:

Jon W. Rettig, Sr.; William Wappner; Edward C. Nurre (in attendance), Jill R. Pugh, Jr.; Adriana Sfalcin.

Also present was David A. Ingram, Executive Director

Stakeholder Pamela Williams-Briggs, Buckeye State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, Craig Stires, Ohio Funeral Directors Association, Beth Williams, Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, Ben Easterling, Ohio Funeral Directors Association was present at the meeting.

Mr. Wappner called the meeting into order and Mr. Ingram took roll call for the committee.

Mr. Ingram presented the proposed draft of administrative rules under 4717-7, 4717-10, and 4717-1 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

10:22 a.m.

Mr. Ingram provided the Board members and stakeholder the proposed drafts to the administrative rules for requirements for licenses, preneed funeral contract annual report, and abandoned applications. The committee was previously provided the rules; however, needed additional time to review the draft.

Mr. Ingram explained that proposed amendment to OAC 4717-10 would change the postmark date for the preneed funeral contract annual report to March 31 instead of March 30. The committee reviewed the proposed amendments to OAC 4717-7. The amendments seek to bring consistency with the changes to the law regarding facilities. The current version of the administrative rules is not consistent with the Ohio Revised Code.

The committee reviewed and discussed the new signage requirement proposed in the rules. Mr. Wappner stated he could see they provision creating some issues as well as the ability to sidestep its intended requirements. Mr. Wappner stated rule should also include the font type and size. Additionally, he stated he wanted the rule



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to only require the text outlined in the rule and nothing else. The rule in its current left too much room for interpretation and/or manipulation.

Mr. Ingram stated that he will make edits to the rules and bring them back to the committee for review at the next meeting.

10:32 a.m.

Jill Pugh moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wappner. Motion carried 4/0.

10:32 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.