

## Washington State Funeral & Cemetery Board Meeting Transcript – August 2, 2022

0:0:0.0 --> 0:0:3.990

Rick Little (Guest)

Hold on, share the Washington state funeral directors finals statements.

0:0:5.420 --> 0:0:18.250

Rick Little (Guest)

You know the cemetery board and is now about 10:01 AM on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022. When I'm calling this board meeting to order.

0:0:19.640 --> 0:0:24.300

Rick Little (Guest)

We will be providing an opportunity for public comment later this meeting.

0:0:25.130 --> 0:0:30.250

Rick Little (Guest)

And have posted information with the agenda on the website with a link to the meeting.

0:0:31.270 --> 0:0:32.300

Rick Little (Guest)

As a courtesy.

0:0:33.210 --> 0:0:47.910

Rick Little (Guest)

We encourage everyone to mute their mics or your phones if if you're called in. If you've called in when you're not speaking to reduce the background noise when others are speaking.

0:0:48.650 --> 0:0:57.790

Rick Little (Guest)

Also, for board members to help us capture information correctly, please state your name when making comments. Thank you.

0:0:59.390 --> 0:1:2.290

Rick Little (Guest)

Item 1.1 introductions Kim.

0:1:4.30 --> 0:1:5.40

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Thank you. Good morning.

0:1:4.190 --> 0:1:7.240

Rick Little (Guest)

Could you please take roll call board members and staff?

0:1:8.360 --> 0:1:10.950

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Yes, thank you. Good morning. So first Rick.

0:1:11.780 --> 0:1:13.200

Rick Little (Guest)

Yes, here.

0:1:13.120 --> 0:1:13.570

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Cameron.

0:1:14.690 --> 0:1:15.290

Cameron Smock

Present.

0:1:16.30 --> 0:1:16.360

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Eat.

0:1:17.270 --> 0:1:17.880

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Here.

0:1:18.410 --> 0:1:19.0

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Dante.

0:1:19.840 --> 0:1:20.530

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Here.

0:1:20.990 --> 0:1:21.420

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

David.

0:1:22.270 --> 0:1:22.760

David Ittner

There's.

0:1:23.690 --> 0:1:24.90

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Tommy.

0:1:24.980 --> 0:1:25.590

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Here.

0:1:26.160 --> 0:1:26.690

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Angie.

0:1:27.910 --> 0:1:28.470

Angie Ward, Public Board Member

Here.

0:1:29.540 --> 0:1:29.830

David Ittner

But.

0:1:29.510 --> 0:1:32.180

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

And staff I'm not sure if I saw her come in Elizabeth.

0:1:36.200 --> 0:1:36.840

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

So Rick?

0:1:38.350 --> 0:1:38.840

Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Here.

0:1:40.240 --> 0:1:40.850

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Jeannie.

0:1:43.640 --> 0:1:43.950

Todd, Jeanne (DOL)

Here.

0:1:44.820 --> 0:1:45.330

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Sydney.

0:1:46.530 --> 0:1:46.840

Muhle, Sydney (DOL)

Here.

0:1:47.550 --> 0:1:48.60

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Cherry.

0:1:50.250 --> 0:1:50.590

Honeywell, Shari (DOL)

Here.

0:1:51.300 --> 0:1:51.700

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Him.

0:1:54.130 --> 0:1:55.70

Griese, Pamela (DOL)

Here.

0:1:55.510 --> 0:1:58.570

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

And anybody else that either missed or want to picture.

0:1:58.950 --> 0:2:0.500

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

That's the interesting selves.

0:2:1.450 --> 0:2:2.680

Hamilton, Grace (DOL)

Grace Hamilton is here.

0:2:3.120 --> 0:2:3.870

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Space.

0:2:4.630 --> 0:2:4.880

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

OK.

0:2:5.440 --> 0:2:6.650

Peterson, Keith (DOL)

Keith Peterson is here also.

0:2:9.0 --> 0:2:9.400

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Deborah.

0:2:8.870 --> 0:2:10.180

Woods, Alyssa (DOL)

Alyssa. What's this here?

0:2:13.940 --> 0:2:15.290

Allen-Ba, Debra (DOL)

Deborah Allen boxes here.

0:2:16.640 --> 0:2:17.170

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Q.

0:2:18.680 --> 0:2:21.400

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Full house. OK, bye. Talk to you. Right.

0:2:21.30 --> 0:2:21.460

Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you.

0:2:22.660 --> 0:2:23.310

Rick Little (Guest)

Alright.

0:2:25.730 --> 0:2:26.260

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Yeah.

0:2:25.460 --> 0:2:35.380

Rick Little (Guest)

Feel the tender in front of you. The 1.2 and 1.3. We have approval of minutes. May 3rd, 2022. We'll need a motion.

0:2:38.540 --> 0:2:40.80

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is Pete. So mouth.

0:2:41.840 --> 0:2:42.990

Rick Little (Guest)

Do we have a second?

0:2:44.990 --> 0:2:46.220

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Dante 2nd.

0:2:47.210 --> 0:2:51.950

Rick Little (Guest)

OK, the the motion was moved by Pete, seconded by Donte.

0:2:52.650 --> 0:2:53.810

Rick Little (Guest)

Are there any questions?

0:2:55.880 --> 0:2:57.770

Rick Little (Guest)

If not all those in favor say aye.

0:2:59.190 --> 0:2:59.750

Cameron Smock

Aye.

0:2:59.490 --> 0:3:0.10

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Aye.

0:2:59.530 --> 0:3:0.20

Dante G-Z (Guest)

I.

0:3:1.10 --> 0:3:1.660

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

I.

0:3:2.400 --> 0:3:3.210

Rick Little (Guest)

They opposed.

0:3:4.960 --> 0:3:6.20

Rick Little (Guest)

Any abstentions?

0:3:7.460 --> 0:3:8.590

Rick Little (Guest)

The motion passed.

0:3:10.670 --> 0:3:11.260

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:3:12.380 --> 0:3:13.880

Rick Little (Guest)

1.4.

0:3:14.540 --> 0:3:15.390

Rick Little (Guest)

Communications.

0:3:17.130 --> 0:3:17.420

Dante G-Z (Guest)

That's.

0:3:20.860 --> 0:3:21.190

Rick Little (Guest)

Hi, Rick.

0:3:18.820 --> 0:3:49.170

Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Here, Rick, this is Rick. UM, just real briefly. I actually just got an e-mail yesterday from Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation inquiring about a removal of dedication for a cemetery that the board received correspondence to back end 2021, and they were asking if we had received the final

notice that the dedication had been removed. I let them know we haven't, but so ADAP is following up with that Guy Tassa, and asked him that once they have it, if they could.

0:3:49.270 --> 0:3:57.190

Storvick, Richard (DOL)

For that to us, so that the board will also have it. So there are no questions about it back at the time. It's just a procedural thing to make sure the paperworks in place, so.

0:3:58.250 --> 0:3:58.570

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:3:59.770 --> 0:4:0.310

Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you, Rick.

0:4:0.800 --> 0:4:1.50

Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Yep.

0:4:2.350 --> 0:4:2.940

Rick Little (Guest)

Anything else?

0:4:5.390 --> 0:4:6.600

Storvick, Richard (DOL)

You know other communication.

0:4:6.920 --> 0:4:9.70

Rick Little (Guest)

OK, alrighty.

0:4:10.690 --> 0:4:13.870

Rick Little (Guest)

Item number 2 new business, is there anything new?

0:4:17.860 --> 0:4:19.490

Rick Little (Guest)

So let's see none.

0:4:20.290 --> 0:4:26.920

Rick Little (Guest)

UH-3 old business, a 3.1 review master action items list.

0:4:30.970 --> 0:4:45.860

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

You know, OK, so for action item list from last meeting we have still the Committee for the review complaint process and they have met once or twice and then the licensing future Task Force Committee.

0:4:46.760 --> 0:4:50.640

Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

I'm a son. Progress. I don't think they have got to meet yesterday. There's just like a.

0:4:54.410 --> 0:4:54.770

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:4:56.850 --> 0:4:57.530

Rick Little (Guest)

Alright.

0:5:0.980 --> 0:5:2.170

Rick Little (Guest)

So let's go with.

0:5:3.490 --> 0:5:4.390

Rick Little (Guest)

#4.

0:5:5.330 --> 0:5:7.560

Rick Little (Guest)

Where was the complaint cases for review?

0:5:8.580 --> 0:5:9.860

Rick Little (Guest)

4.1.

0:5:11.810 --> 0:5:12.540

Rick Little (Guest)

Mr Cameron.

0:5:15.840 --> 0:5:25.350

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Alright, this is a case number 2021, dash 11 Dash 3067 Dash 00 Fe.

0:5:26.780 --> 0:5:36.80

Pete Cameron (Guest)

I am the complainant was upset because she felt that responded feeling director was not clear about his COVID-19 vaccination status.

0:5:37.580 --> 0:6:6.560

Pete Cameron (Guest)

The facts are that the complainant made Funeral arrangements with a funeral director who was fully vaccinated and they both took off their masks. She came back the next day without a mask and met with Respondent funeral director, who also did not have a mask on. She assumed he was vaccinated as well and got upset when he told her that he already had COVID and that he was quote as good as vaccinated because his doctor had tested his blood and confirmed that he has quote natural immunity.

0:6:8.210 --> 0:6:22.600

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Also during the course the investigation, it was discovered that the licenses for the funeral establishment Prearrangement funeral sales cremated remains, disposition permit and one funeral director works fired. Those were all renewed and are all in compliance now.

0:6:23.780 --> 0:6:39.40

Pete Cameron (Guest)

I could not find any violation or rule or law in this case. Is the communication issue regarding medical procedures, definitions, opinions and state mandates that do not fall under the purview of the board. Therefore, I recommend this case be closed with no further action.

0:6:39.800 --> 0:6:40.590

Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you, Pete.

0:6:41.350 --> 0:6:42.870

Rick Little (Guest)

Ohh do we have a motion?

0:6:43.890 --> 0:6:46.0

Cameron Smock

So I'll move this is Cameron.

0:6:46.510 --> 0:6:48.760

Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you, Cameron. Do we have a second?

0:6:49.910 --> 0:6:50.920

David Ittner

Second, this is Dave.

0:6:51.470 --> 0:6:55.100

Rick Little (Guest)

Two one second it. Are there any questions to this?

0:6:58.410 --> 0:7:0.390

Rick Little (Guest)

If not all those in favor say aye.

0:7:1.220 --> 0:7:1.890

Cameron Smock

I.

0:7:1.630 --> 0:7:2.360

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Aye.

0:7:2.200 --> 0:7:2.770

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Hi.

0:7:4.720 --> 0:7:5.350

Rick Little (Guest)

Opposed.

0:7:7.890 --> 0:7:8.870

Rick Little (Guest)

And the abstentions.

0:7:10.510 --> 0:7:11.450

Rick Little (Guest)

Bush's past?

0:7:12.390 --> 0:7:15.510

Rick Little (Guest)

Ohh 4.2 feet.

0:7:17.600 --> 0:7:25.50

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is case number 2022, dash 03 Dash 0392 Dash 00 Fe.

0:7:26.400 --> 0:7:39.390

Pete Cameron (Guest)

The summary is that the two complainants are former employees of the respondent Funeral Home, who claimed that another coworker had thrown a decedent's clothing and jewelry in a dumpster in an effort to discredit them and get them in trouble.

0:7:41.70 --> 0:8:8.40

Pete Cameron (Guest)

The facts are that there was a bag of clothing and jewelry that the decedent was to be dressed in that went missing for a short time. The bag was discovered in the Funeral Home dumpster, still clean and undamaged. The decedent was dressed and services were held without incident. It was never discovered who put the clothing in the dumpster and the two complainants resigned a week later after feeling resopnded. Funeral Home manager had mistreated them.

0:8:9.550 --> 0:8:29.220

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Both complainants and the respondents acknowledge that there had been multiple personnel problems at the Funeral Home for quite some time prior to this incident, and since in this instance, neither the decedent, the clothing and jewelry or the family were harmed, I find no violation to rule or law and recommend the case be closed with no further action.

0:8:30.240 --> 0:8:33.550

Rick Little (Guest)

OK, thank you. Be do we have a motion to this?

0:8:34.180 --> 0:8:35.520

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Dante so moved.

0:8:36.310 --> 0:8:37.970

Rick Little (Guest)

Move the Dantes or second.

0:8:38.340 --> 0:8:39.490

Cameron Smock

Cameron 2nd.

0:8:40.80 --> 0:8:42.830

Rick Little (Guest)

And then second, it is there any questions on this?

0:8:45.570 --> 0:8:47.330

Rick Little (Guest)

If not all in favor say aye.

0:8:48.660 --> 0:8:49.290

Cameron Smock

Why?

0:8:49.270 --> 0:8:49.740

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Aye.

0:8:48.330 --> 0:8:49.810

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Aye, aye.

0:8:49.570 --> 0:8:49.880

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Right.

0:8:51.390 --> 0:8:51.630

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Right.

0:8:51.150 --> 0:8:51.810

Rick Little (Guest)

Opposed.

0:8:53.790 --> 0:8:54.800

Rick Little (Guest)

Any abstentions?

0:8:56.250 --> 0:8:57.700

Rick Little (Guest)

OK, motion passed.

0:8:59.90 --> 0:9:4.340

Rick Little (Guest)

OK, item number, 4.3 peat.

0:9:6.640 --> 0:9:15.690

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is complain number 2022, dash 04, Dash 0609 Dash 00 FDE.

0:9:16.530 --> 0:9:24.230

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Uh, and the complaint was upset in the unusually long delay in getting a small marker made and placed on her loved ones grave space.

0:9:26.20 --> 0:9:32.430

Pete Cameron (Guest)

The facts are that the complainant purchased a small marker from Respondent Cemetery in August of 2021.

0:9:33.140 --> 0:10:4.270

Pete Cameron (Guest)

In October of 2021, she contacted the cemetery after receiving no information or updates and was told that the employee she had been working with was no longer with the company and that the order was never placed. Responded took over the order and worked back and forth with the complainant through January of 2022. Get a final proof, approved and sent to the monument company. It was a custom order that needed to be quarried and shipped from China and with the supply chain issues it took much longer than normal. The marker was received.

0:10:4.440 --> 0:10:10.120

Pete Cameron (Guest)

And install them May 19th, 2022 and the family is pleased with the way it looks.

0:10:11.390 --> 0:10:27.280

Pete Cameron (Guest)

I can find no violation of rule or law in this case. It is more of a customer service or communication issue between the cemetery and the family as well as it delays in the international shipping process that are out of the respondents control. So I recommend that we close with no further action.

0:10:27.860 --> 0:10:28.540

Rick Little (Guest)

OK. Thank.

0:10:29.340 --> 0:10:29.920

Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you, Pete.

0:10:30.580 --> 0:10:31.510

Rick Little (Guest)

Do we have a motion?

0:10:34.270 --> 0:10:35.720

Cameron Smock

This is Cameron I move.

0:10:36.660 --> 0:10:38.410

Rick Little (Guest)

With the Cameron, is there a second?

0:10:40.0 --> 0:10:40.360

David Ittner

Dave.

0:10:42.320 --> 0:10:43.690

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Dante 2nd.

0:10:45.320 --> 0:10:46.450

Rick Little (Guest)

Are there any questions?

0:10:49.370 --> 0:10:51.290

Rick Little (Guest)

If not all those in favor say aye.

0:10:53.130 --> 0:10:53.600

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Aye.

0:10:53.200 --> 0:10:53.750

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Hi.

0:10:52.350 --> 0:10:54.70

David Ittner

I I.

0:10:54.350 --> 0:10:55.60

Cameron Smock

Aye.

0:10:55.420 --> 0:10:56.110

Rick Little (Guest)

Opposed.

0:10:57.990 --> 0:10:59.130

Rick Little (Guest)

Any abstentions?

0:11:0.770 --> 0:11:2.40

Rick Little (Guest)

The the motion passed.

0:11:2.780 --> 0:11:7.230

Rick Little (Guest)

And just just remember to mute your mic. So they said some background noise.

0:11:7.310 --> 0:11:10.960

Rick Little (Guest)

Ohh around so we can hear what's going on.

0:11:12.10 --> 0:11:17.180

Rick Little (Guest)

Alright, let's do 4.4 Mr Mr Smock.

0:11:18.380 --> 0:11:31.100

Cameron Smock

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is in regards to case number 2022, Dash 01, DASH 0035, Dash 00, FDE.

0:11:32.110 --> 0:11:42.470

Cameron Smock

The complainant alleges that they received screenshots of photographs of deceased individuals from the respondent funeral Director, intern of the Respondent Funeral Home.

0:11:43.160 --> 0:11:53.370

Cameron Smock

And that the owner of the Funeral Home should be investigated for failure to self report their funeral director intern and for continuing to employ the individual.

0:11:54.540 --> 0:12:9.410

Cameron Smock

The facts during the investigation, it was confirmed that the respondent funeral director intern did send photographs of deceased individuals to the complainant and accepted full responsibility for doing so.

0:12:10.200 --> 0:12:23.110

Cameron Smock

The owner and the other staff of the respondent Funeral Home were interviewed during the investigation and they consistently stated that the policy of the Funeral Home was against taking photographs of deceased individuals.

0:12:24.650 --> 0:12:35.710

Cameron Smock

When the photographs were brought to the attention of the owner of the respondent Funeral Home, they took immediate action to terminate the employment of the respondent funeral director intern.

0:12:36.710 --> 0:12:48.360

Cameron Smock

The respondent funeral director intern stated that they would not be pursuing a career in the funeral profession and their intern license lapsed in February of 2022.

0:12:50.140 --> 0:13:10.220

Cameron Smock

My recommendation, given the fact that this was the actions of a registered funeral Director intern who was a terminated because of their actions and B is no longer practicing in the profession and not allowable by the respondent Funeral Home. I recommend this case be closed with no further action.

0:13:11.240 --> 0:13:14.350

Rick Little (Guest)

OK. Thank you. Cameron. Do we have a motion?

0:13:17.780 --> 0:13:19.250

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is Pete, so move.

0:13:20.40 --> 0:13:22.50

Rick Little (Guest)

Moved by Pete. Is there a second?

0:13:25.30 --> 0:13:26.200

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Dante 2nd.

0:13:26.850 --> 0:13:30.740

Rick Little (Guest)

Cooking by Dante, do it. Does anybody have any questions on this?

0:13:32.520 --> 0:13:33.910

David Ittner

Yeah, I guess right in that.

0:13:34.810 --> 0:13:35.590

Rick Little (Guest)

If not.

0:13:36.500 --> 0:13:37.720

Rick Little (Guest)

All in favor say aye.

0:13:39.420 --> 0:13:39.990

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Aye.

0:13:39.540 --> 0:13:40.70

Dante G-Z (Guest)

I.

0:13:40.270 --> 0:13:40.740

Angie Ward, Public Board Member

Aye.

0:13:40.400 --> 0:13:41.90

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

I.

0:13:42.190 --> 0:13:43.50

Rick Little (Guest)

They opposed.

0:13:44.610 --> 0:13:45.750

Rick Little (Guest)

And you have pensions.

0:13:47.320 --> 0:13:48.340

Rick Little (Guest)

The motion passed.

0:13:49.120 --> 0:13:49.630

Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you.

0:13:50.370 --> 0:13:52.210

Rick Little (Guest)

Item 4.5.

0:13:53.10 --> 0:13:54.410

Rick Little (Guest)

Mr Cameron, Pete.

0:13:56.560 --> 0:14:12.430

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Alright, so 4.5 and 4.6, if you've had a chance to read through these are two separate complaints that were filed by two different parties on the same incident. So the two cases will read very similarly.

0:14:13.800 --> 0:14:22.710

Pete Cameron (Guest)

So this is in regards to case number 2017, dash 12, DASH 2600 Dash 00, FDE.

0:14:24.50 --> 0:14:50.690

Pete Cameron (Guest)

The complainant family members allege that responded Funeral Home staff arrived at the cemetery for burial of Casketed remains without a burial transit permit. Cemetery staff would not let the services and

burial proceed without it and made the respondent Funeral Home and the complainants family wait until the respondent Funeral Home obtained a copy of the burial transit permit and sent it to symmetry. This caused a significant delay for the family and they were very upset.

0:14:51.850 --> 0:15:16.850

Pete Cameron (Guest)

I responded Funeral Home failed to obtain the burial transit permit, a timely fashion before the scheduled delivery time. The cemetery and knowingly instructed their staff members to perceive with the casket remains to cemetery for burial. Without it, the respondent and the family of the deceased were not allowed to proceed into the cemetery and were instructed to wait in a holding area until the permit was obtained by the respondents office and sent to the cemetery office. Almost 2 hours later.

0:15:18.430 --> 0:15:20.390

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is a violation of RCW.

0:15:20.470 --> 0:15:45.540

Pete Cameron (Guest)

270.58 dot 240 delivering casketed remains to cemetery without a permit and would normally rate remediation or counseling or some kind of formal action. However, the respondent Funeral Home has since been closed and there is no establishment license or funeral director license to be held accountable anymore. Therefore, I recommend this case be closed with no further action.

0:15:47.610 --> 0:15:48.700

Rick Little (Guest)

Do we have a motion?

0:15:52.400 --> 0:15:54.390

Cameron Smock

This this is Cameron, so move.

0:15:55.160 --> 0:15:57.530

Rick Little (Guest)

So, but Cameron, is there a second?

0:15:59.540 --> 0:16:0.400

David Ittner

Second, Dave.

0:16:0.980 --> 0:16:1.970

Rick Little (Guest)

Dave, second it.

0:16:3.170 --> 0:16:4.930

Rick Little (Guest)

Does anybody have any questions on this?

0:16:8.540 --> 0:16:10.340

Rick Little (Guest)

If not all in favor say aye.

0:16:11.560 --> 0:16:12.0

Cameron Smock

Aye.

0:16:11.650 --> 0:16:12.120

David Ittner

I.

0:16:11.770 --> 0:16:12.300

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

I.

0:16:12.450 --> 0:16:12.830

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Like.

0:16:13.840 --> 0:16:14.510

Rick Little (Guest)

Opposed.

0:16:16.370 --> 0:16:17.480

Rick Little (Guest)

Any abstentions?

0:16:19.170 --> 0:16:20.490

Rick Little (Guest)

It's the motion passed.

0:16:22.140 --> 0:16:25.0

Rick Little (Guest)

All right, go ahead and go to the four points.

0:16:25.730 --> 0:16:26.360

Rick Little (Guest)

6.

0:16:28.530 --> 0:16:36.980

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is case number 2017, dash 12 Dash 2601 Dash 00 FDE.

0:16:38.440 --> 0:16:46.770

Pete Cameron (Guest)

I responded Funeral Home staff arrived at the cemetery for burial of Cascade remains without a burial transit permit. The complainant, cemetery staff.

0:16:47.660 --> 0:16:57.490

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Would not let services and barrel proceed without it, and made the respondent Funeral Home and the deceased family wait until responded Funeral Home of paying a copy of the burial transit permit and send it to the cemetery.

0:16:58.130 --> 0:17:3.530

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Causes significant delay for the family and for the operations of the cemetery.

0:17:5.100 --> 0:17:30.950

Pete Cameron (Guest)

The facts are that the respondent Funeral Home failed to obtain the burial transit permit and timely fashion before the scheduled delivery time to the cemetery and knowingly instructed their staff and orders to proceed with the casket remains to the cemetery for burial without it responded and the family of the deceased were not allowed to proceed into the cemetery or instructed to wait in a holding area until the permit was obtained by respondents office and sent to the cemetery office almost 2 hours later.

0:17:32.10 --> 0:17:54.560

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is a violation of RCW 70.58 dot 240. Delivering cash card means to cemetery without a permit and would normally rate remediation of counseling or some kind of formal action. However, the respondent Funeral Home has since been closed and there's no establishment license or funeral director license to be held accountable anymore, so therefore I recommend this be closed with no further action.

0:17:55.700 --> 0:17:59.710

Rick Little (Guest)

Well, thank you again. Do you have emotion?

0:18:1.60 --> 0:18:1.960

Cameron Smock

This is Karen.

0:18:1.30 --> 0:18:2.90

Dante G-Z (Guest)

So move Dante.

0:18:2.740 --> 0:18:3.250

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Ohh.

0:18:4.190 --> 0:18:4.720

Cameron Smock

Sorry.

0:18:4.70 --> 0:18:6.60

Rick Little (Guest)

It note there second.

0:18:6.420 --> 0:18:6.630

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Yeah.

0:18:6.550 --> 0:18:7.860

Cameron Smock

Cameron 2nd.

0:18:8.160 --> 0:18:10.800

Rick Little (Guest)

And then second. Ohh the questions.

0:18:11.960 --> 0:18:19.250

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Just to be clear, one case is against the establishment and the other case is against the the licensee. Is that correct?

0:18:20.0 --> 0:18:20.930

Dante G-Z (Guest)

As far as the comments.

0:18:20.0 --> 0:18:34.650

Pete Cameron (Guest)

The first, the first case was filed. The complaint was filed by the family against the Respondent's Funeral Home. That's no longer in operation. The second case was filed by cemetery staff against.

0:18:35.750 --> 0:18:37.540

Pete Cameron (Guest)

The Funeral Home that is now closed.

0:18:37.990 --> 0:18:38.430

Dante G-Z (Guest)

OK.

0:18:39.520 --> 0:18:39.780

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:18:40.600 --> 0:18:41.630

Rick Little (Guest)

Any other questions?

0:18:43.770 --> 0:18:45.460

Rick Little (Guest)

If not all in favor say aye.

0:18:46.790 --> 0:18:47.270

Cameron Smock

Alright.

0:18:46.970 --> 0:18:47.540

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

I.

0:18:47.740 --> 0:18:48.90

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Right.

0:18:48.220 --> 0:18:48.540

Angie Ward, Public Board Member

Hi.

0:18:48.340 --> 0:18:48.690

David Ittner

I.

0:18:47.500 --> 0:18:49.150

Pete Cameron (Guest)

All right, opposed.

0:18:50.990 --> 0:18:52.10

Rick Little (Guest)

Any abstentions?

0:18:53.590 --> 0:18:54.550

Rick Little (Guest)

Motions passed.

0:18:55.460 --> 0:18:59.480

Rick Little (Guest)

Yeah, I don't know 4.7. That's good there.

0:19:0.530 --> 0:19:1.200

David Ittner

Thank you, Rick.

0:19:2.60 --> 0:19:7.780

David Ittner

This case, number 2021 dash 10, Dash 2784 Dash 00, CEM.

0:19:8.940 --> 0:19:21.530

David Ittner

Complaints summary is as follows. Complaint was sent to the Department of Licensing on October 29th, 2021. Allegedly responded cemetery refused to run refund the amount paid on a cancelled cemetery Prearrangement contract.

0:19:22.670 --> 0:19:32.0

David Ittner

March 7th, 2018 the complainant signed a funeral prearrangement contract for the cremation of his wife. He also signed a cemetery prearrangement contract for future placement of his wife's cremated remains.

0:19:32.800 --> 0:19:36.330

David Ittner

Complain it made a small down payment and agreed to make 60 installment payments.

0:19:37.570 --> 0:19:46.860

David Ittner

Complaints that wife died April 11th, 2018. Her cremated remains were not placed in the cemetery as the cemetery Prearrangement contract has not been had not been paid in full.

0:19:47.910 --> 0:19:51.410

David Ittner

Complainant continued making the monthly payments until January 2020.

0:19:52.240 --> 0:19:57.850

David Ittner

And then stopped making payments on the cemetery contract after paying in a total of \$908.96.

0:20:0.170 --> 0:20:17.480

David Ittner

Responded sent a final cancellation notice to the complainant dated September 30th, 2021 regarding the unpaid balance on cemetery contract. The notice claimed that the unpaid balance of \$1096.30 was due and must be paid by October 29th, 2021 to avoid cancellation of the contract.

0:20:19.50 --> 0:20:22.210

David Ittner

The complaint met with respondent staff on October 4th.

0:20:22.900 --> 0:20:34.550

David Ittner

Discussed discuss his options. He was upset to learn that he would not receive a full refund of the amounts paid for the cancellation of the contract, but signed a cancellation request. The respondent issued a refund check on October 21.

0:20:35.680 --> 0:20:38.270

David Ittner

In the amount of \$282.19.

0:20:39.20 --> 0:20:46.940

David Ittner

In the written response to the complaint, the response cemetery manager provided figure to support the amount refunded after deducting the processing fees, interest in sales tax.

0:20:48.190 --> 0:20:49.840

David Ittner

So in this case they.

0:20:50.820 --> 0:20:58.860

David Ittner

Followed statute, according to the the refund requirements of a prearrangement contract and recommend this case to be closed with no further action.

0:21:0.130 --> 0:21:1.670

Rick Little (Guest)

Do we have a motion to this?

0:21:4.530 --> 0:21:6.50

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is Pete, so move.

0:21:7.220 --> 0:21:8.300

Rick Little (Guest)

Do we have a second?

0:21:11.560 --> 0:21:13.130

Cameron Smock

This is Cameron I 2nd.

0:21:15.0 --> 0:21:16.780

Rick Little (Guest)

Karen, are there any questions?

0:21:19.690 --> 0:21:22.350

Rick Little (Guest)

If not all in favor say aye.

0:21:23.680 --> 0:21:24.390

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Aye.

0:21:24.10 --> 0:21:24.460

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Aye.

0:21:24.10 --> 0:21:24.520

Dante G-Z (Guest)

I.

0:21:24.690 --> 0:21:25.240

Cameron Smock

I.

0:21:26.200 --> 0:21:26.870

Rick Little (Guest)

Opposed.

0:21:28.770 --> 0:21:30.20

Rick Little (Guest)

Any abstentions?

0:21:31.600 --> 0:21:32.610

Rick Little (Guest)

The motion passed.

0:21:33.620 --> 0:21:36.990

Rick Little (Guest)

Alright, 4.8, Connie so.

0:21:38.190 --> 0:22:4.640

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

This is Connie and this is case number 2021, dash 11, Dash 2959 Dash 00 FDE. The complaint. In summary, the complaint stated that she was mistreated by the funeral provider. She stated that she was replaced as next of kin with her stepson and she alleged that her late husband had prepaid.

0:22:4.900 --> 0:22:12.940

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

All funeral and cemetery expenses. And she was shocked to learn that they owed an additional additional 10,000 for the decedent services.

0:22:13.710 --> 0:22:24.790

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

She stated that she was forced to sit in the rain outside of the tent of at her husband's graveside, and she also stated that she was not offered her husband's flag at the graveside.

0:22:25.880 --> 0:22:26.730

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

The facts.

0:22:27.440 --> 0:22:37.760

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

It looked like during the Funeral arrangements, the complainant made it very clear that she was not going to make any decisions, that she was leaving that up to the kids, the decedent.

0:22:37.830 --> 0:22:52.30

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

First purchase 2 graves and two vaults from the cemetery. On April 12th, 1972, and in 1982, the Respondent cemetery entered a consent decree due to mismanagement and bankruptcy.

0:22:53.130 --> 0:23:9.310

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

The decedent was notified of the consent and decree and he signed an acknowledgment form on March

15th, 2004. The cemetery was required to provide the interment rights and offer credit of \$40 in lieu of the vaults.

0:23:10.130 --> 0:23:12.990

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

The respondent stated that the.

0:23:14.70 --> 0:23:30.560

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

The complainant ended up sitting in the front row and under the tent out of the rain, and the respondent stated also that the complaint did not have any interest in receiving the flag at the graveside service for her husband until it was given to the daughter of the step son.

0:23:31.350 --> 0:23:41.880

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

However, it ended up with the Clayton that that the complaint did receive. the VA issued flag after the graveside service and the flag given to the daughter of the stepson was not.

0:23:42.600 --> 0:23:45.710

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

And official VA flag. So I.

0:23:46.420 --> 0:23:49.730

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Recommend that this is closed with no other action.

0:23:51.0 --> 0:23:51.460

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:23:52.710 --> 0:23:54.990

Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you. Connie, do we have a motion to this?

0:23:57.390 --> 0:23:58.900

Cameron Smock

This is Cameron, so move.

0:24:0.190 --> 0:24:1.860

Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you, Cameron. Do we have a second?

0:24:4.390 --> 0:24:5.740

Pete Cameron (Guest)

There's people second.

0:24:6.560 --> 0:24:6.900

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:24:7.800 --> 0:24:9.280

Rick Little (Guest)

Does anybody have any questions?

0:24:13.360 --> 0:24:13.570

Rick Little (Guest)

Sure.

0:24:10.920 --> 0:24:18.310

David Ittner

One question from for me, Rick and this situation. So she she was the appropriate next of kin but.

0:24:19.700 --> 0:24:25.970

David Ittner

Didn't make the arrangements because she didn't want to. And did she? Was there anything that was signed or or saying that she?

0:24:29.0 --> 0:24:30.640

David Ittner

Was allowing her children to do that.

0:24:32.250 --> 0:24:50.340

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

I didn't see that she signed any paperwork with the the information that I was given, but it was clear that she's she refused to make any decisions in the arrangement room with the funeral director and family present. So.

0:24:53.870 --> 0:24:54.280

David Ittner

Thank you.

0:24:56.30 --> 0:24:57.420

Rick Little (Guest)

Any other questions at all?

0:25:0.90 --> 0:25:2.460

Rick Little (Guest)

If not all those in favor say aye.

0:25:4.590 --> 0:25:4.850

David Ittner

I.

0:25:4.450 --> 0:25:4.930

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Aye.

0:25:3.750 --> 0:25:5.70

Cameron Smock

Aye, I'm.

0:25:6.400 --> 0:25:7.60

Rick Little (Guest)

The post.

0:25:9.320 --> 0:25:10.650

Rick Little (Guest)

Any abstentions?

0:25:12.670 --> 0:25:13.640

Rick Little (Guest)

The motion passed.

0:25:14.740 --> 0:25:17.750

Rick Little (Guest)

I don't know 4.9 note.

0:25:18.690 --> 0:25:26.740

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Sure, this will be a case number 2021. Eleven, 28 forty 700CE M.

0:25:27.540 --> 0:25:40.140

Dante G-Z (Guest)

The complaint alleges that the respondent cemetery plays to marker as unitaf on the grave of her grandfather without the proper authorization. The complaint and requested that the scene attack be removed.

0:25:41.20 --> 0:26:12.840

Dante G-Z (Guest)

The facts the completely discovered that the cenotaph had been placed on a visit to the cemetery a few days before Memorial Day in 2021, as per the respondents records does in Utah had been placed in 2007, although the complainant stated that her calls and a letter from her attorney were ignored, the respondent removed his inittab from the grave and has reviewed their process on getting proper authorization to mark Graves. So since it's been fixed, I recommend that this be closed with no further action.

0:26:13.940 --> 0:26:16.600

Rick Little (Guest)

OK. Thank you. Do we have a motion?

0:26:20.960 --> 0:26:22.760

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is Pete, so move.

0:26:23.700 --> 0:26:25.280

Rick Little (Guest)

If you have a second.

0:26:34.920 --> 0:26:36.650

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

This is Connie, I'll second it.

0:26:37.820 --> 0:26:41.240

Rick Little (Guest)

OK. Do we have any questions at all?

0:26:44.820 --> 0:27:1.590

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is Pete. I'm does this cemetery have a policy of marking all graves or did somebody else sign off on putting a cenotaph down prior that wasn't discovered or this?

0:27:3.810 --> 0:27:6.20

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Granddaughter didn't know about.

0:27:7.60 --> 0:27:20.30

Dante G-Z (Guest)

It's been a little while, but if I remember the case correctly it wasn't. It wasn't the proper Mexican, it was somebody outside the the chain of right to control this position that had paid for it back in 2007.

0:27:20.970 --> 0:27:26.220

Dante G-Z (Guest)

And so that's, you know, and then nobody complained for, what, 14 years until they finally saw it?

0:27:27.250 --> 0:27:29.240

Dante G-Z (Guest)

As I take it off and they took it off.

0:27:31.390 --> 0:27:32.700

Pete Cameron (Guest)

OK. Thank you.

0:27:32.550 --> 0:27:32.800

Rick Little (Guest)

It.

0:27:33.590 --> 0:27:41.870

Dante G-Z (Guest)

I don't know what policy they had, but no they didn't. You know, obviously in 2007 they didn't, they didn't go right to control disposition or that we wouldn't have the case.

0:27:43.660 --> 0:27:45.110

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Right. OK. Thank you.

0:27:46.540 --> 0:27:50.470

David Ittner

And in the center tap with was actually for the decedent, not somebody else.

0:27:52.450 --> 0:27:53.180

David Ittner

Yeah. OK.

0:27:50.250 --> 0:27:54.720

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Umm, it was for the right person? Yeah, it's just wrong. Person ordered it.

0:27:57.900 --> 0:27:58.890

Rick Little (Guest)

Any other questions?

0:28:1.520 --> 0:28:3.660

Rick Little (Guest)

If not all those in favor say aye.

0:28:4.170 --> 0:28:4.760

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Oh.

0:28:5.160 --> 0:28:5.420

Rick Little (Guest)

But.

0:28:6.460 --> 0:28:19.930

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Sorry, I I misstated that. I think it was just a memory of somebody else on somebody's grave. So I I wanted I wanted to get that correct. It wasn't the person, I mean it was on somebody else's grave that they put the marker.

0:28:21.650 --> 0:28:26.40

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Another family member or another relative on somebody's grave that was already there.

0:28:27.470 --> 0:28:27.720

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:28:31.440 --> 0:28:32.800

Rick Little (Guest)

Is everybody clear on that?

0:28:35.750 --> 0:28:36.480

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

No.

0:28:36.150 --> 0:28:36.620

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Yes.

0:28:37.290 --> 0:28:51.390

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Sorry, graven place. Somebody comes and puts a memory of another loved one on that grave.

Somebody comes to see that grave says we don't want that marker to it for that other loved one other family member on that great.

0:28:52.400 --> 0:28:53.520

Dante G-Z (Guest)

They got the wrong person.

0:28:54.680 --> 0:28:55.810

Dante G-Z (Guest)

To to to do that.

0:28:56.570 --> 0:28:56.970

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Umm.

0:28:57.390 --> 0:28:57.640

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:28:56.830 --> 0:29:2.170

Dante G-Z (Guest)

So there there's more than one marker on that grave, and now there's just one marker on that grave. If I remember the case right.

0:29:2.890 --> 0:29:4.40

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Pam, can you help me out there?

0:29:8.110 --> 0:29:9.680

Griese, Pamela (DOL)

That's correct ante.

0:29:10.850 --> 0:29:11.170

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Yeah.

0:29:12.470 --> 0:29:12.860

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:29:15.690 --> 0:29:16.970

Rick Little (Guest)

Any other questions at all?

0:29:19.690 --> 0:29:20.230

Rick Little (Guest)

Alright.

0:29:21.130 --> 0:29:22.470

Rick Little (Guest)

All those in favor say aye.

0:29:24.970 --> 0:29:25.520

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Aye.

0:29:25.240 --> 0:29:25.600

David Ittner

I.

0:29:27.600 --> 0:29:28.890

Rick Little (Guest)

Any opposed?

0:29:33.840 --> 0:29:34.660

Cameron Smock

I abstain.

0:29:31.830 --> 0:29:36.140

Rick Little (Guest)

Any abstentions? Motion path. Are you staying OK?

0:29:38.690 --> 0:29:39.380

Rick Little (Guest)

Alright.

0:29:40.950 --> 0:29:43.510

Rick Little (Guest)

Item 4.10.

0:29:44.680 --> 0:29:45.50

Rick Little (Guest)

Until.

0:29:45.600 --> 0:29:54.650

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Alright, so this one will be 2020, two 02024200 CEM.

0:29:55.440 --> 0:30:29.20

Dante G-Z (Guest)

So the summary, the complaint family purchased 3 graves with the right to single interment per grave. One grave was used. The complaint alleges that one of the remaining graves was sold to another family and is now occupied. The complainant is requesting that the respondent pay for graves at another cemetery as well as markers, vaults, Funeral services because the complainants family no longer trust the respondent cemetery and the complainant does not want the family member disinterred due to faith concerns.

0:30:30.420 --> 0:31:0.710

Dante G-Z (Guest)

The respondent does or the facts the respondent does acknowledge that the grade belonging to the complainant was sold and used in error. The respondent has proposed options to rectify the error. The complainant has not accepted any of these options and I believe that the our board does not have the authority in the civil matter like this to compel either party. So it's going to move beyond us. So at this point I recommend that this be closed with no further action.

0:31:3.220 --> 0:31:5.160

Rick Little (Guest)

Locate though, do we have a motion?

0:31:10.280 --> 0:31:11.740

Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is great, so move.

0:31:12.700 --> 0:31:14.710

Rick Little (Guest)

OK. Is there a second?

0:31:17.580 --> 0:31:19.70

Cameron Smock

This is Cameron I 2nd.

0:31:20.0 --> 0:31:20.320

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:31:21.590 --> 0:31:23.360

Rick Little (Guest)

Do we have any questions of anybody?

0:31:26.480 --> 0:31:38.710

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Actually, and this is Pete, do we know if the cemetery has changed any policies or procedures to prevent this from happening again, if it just happened fairly recently?

0:31:39.980 --> 0:31:50.370

Dante G-Z (Guest)

I don't believe it's that recent, and it might be a whole new management. I'm not 100% sure, but if I remember that case correctly, I think it's different people that are clean and trying to clean up this mess.

0:31:51.660 --> 0:31:53.480

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Right. OK. Thank you.

0:31:57.870 --> 0:31:58.340

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:32:0.980 --> 0:32:1.670

Rick Little (Guest)

Any others?

0:32:3.680 --> 0:32:5.170

Rick Little (Guest)

All those in favor say aye.

0:32:6.370 --> 0:32:7.10

Constance LeSourd (Guest)

I.

0:32:7.250 --> 0:32:7.580

Angie Ward, Public Board Member

I.

0:32:7.60 --> 0:32:7.610

Pete Cameron (Guest)

I.

0:32:7.780 --> 0:32:8.280

Cameron Smock

Aye.

0:32:9.280 --> 0:32:9.960

Rick Little (Guest)

Opposed.

0:32:12.420 --> 0:32:13.590

Rick Little (Guest)

Any abstentions?

0:32:15.730 --> 0:32:16.570

Rick Little (Guest)

Motion passed.

0:32:17.540 --> 0:32:22.130

Rick Little (Guest)

OK. Four point 11, Mr. Edwards.

0:32:23.430 --> 0:32:24.240

David Ittner

Thank you, Rick.

0:32:24.950 --> 0:32:31.240

David Ittner

Uh case number 2021, dash 12 Dash 3123 dash 00 FDE.

0:32:32.720 --> 0:32:38.630

David Ittner

The complainant filed a complaint with the Department of Licensing on December 13th 2021 alleging a party to the respondent.

0:32:39.350 --> 0:32:45.610

David Ittner

We're moving forward will be referred to as person a failed failed to tell the family that person A is license had been revoked.

0:32:46.310 --> 0:32:51.580

David Ittner

When her, when her father died in November 10th, 2021, person a directed the respondent Funeral Home.

0:32:52.240 --> 0:32:55.490

David Ittner

To handle the disposition arrangements without the consent of the family.

0:32:56.290 --> 0:33:2.460

David Ittner

Complainant family met with the owner of the respondent Funeral Home but claimed they thought the owner worked for person A's Funeral Home.

0:33:3.230 --> 0:33:7.520

David Ittner

The complaint also alleges the respondent Funeral Home embalmed her father's remains without permission.

0:33:8.680 --> 0:33:31.990

David Ittner

Facts of the case are person A did not tell the complainant family his Funeral Home was no longer in business and he did not give the family the opportunity to choose another funeral provider. The

respondent claims she represented herself as working for her Funeral Home. The family still assumed the respondent worked for person A based on comments, person A made to the family at the time of the removal, person 8 told the family he would take good care of their father.

0:33:32.800 --> 0:33:34.690

David Ittner

The respondent went to the complainants home.

0:33:35.620 --> 0:33:45.520

David Ittner

On November 11, 2021, she had obtained death certificate information and a signature from the complainant to authorize embalming of the decedents remains, which is dated November 11, 2021.

0:33:46.620 --> 0:33:54.400

David Ittner

Investigator talked with the complainant on January 3rd, 2022 and she said the responded agreed not to do anything until she received further directions from the family.

0:33:55.800 --> 0:34:2.690

David Ittner

The scenes remains were involved, involved in the evening of #6 November 16th, 2021 as a viewing was scheduled for November 19th.

0:34:3.420 --> 0:34:10.770

David Ittner

And over November 18th, the complainant contract contacted the respondent and requested the transfer of the decedents remains to a different Funeral Home.

0:34:11.890 --> 0:34:15.640

David Ittner

The respondent Funeral Home is not received any payment for services provided for the season.

0:34:19.310 --> 0:34:30.950

David Ittner

The investigator asked if the respondent was accepting at any funeral at need referrals from person A or person A's Funeral Home. The respondent claims she discovered her Funeral Home name on person A's Funeral Home voicemail.

0:34:31.920 --> 0:34:41.70

David Ittner

Respondent notify the Department of Licensing and Person A removed the message from the voicemail that responded further stated that that they refused referrals.

0:34:43.680 --> 0:34:54.890

David Ittner

So in this case, they're they're no apparent violations by the respondent's Funeral Home. However, person A appears to be in violation of a board order by continuing to operate as a Funeral Home.

0:34:56.560 --> 0:35:0.140

David Ittner

So with that recommended that this particular case is closed with no further action.

0:35:2.500 --> 0:35:5.230

Rick Little (Guest)

OK. Thank you. Do we have a motion?

0:35:7.630 --> 0:35:8.990

Cameron Smock

This is Cameron I move.

0:35:10.80 --> 0:35:11.710

Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you. Cameron, do you have a second?

0:35:13.740 --> 0:35:15.240

Dante G-Z (Guest)

Dante, I'll go ahead and 2nd.

0:35:16.170 --> 0:35:17.990

Rick Little (Guest)

OK. Does anybody have any questions?

0:35:20.660 --> 0:35:21.930

Cameron Smock

This is Cameron.

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Cameron Smock

So I understand the nature of the recommendation.

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Cameron Smock

I'm assuming we don't have any recourse as it relates to person A.

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Cameron Smock

Uh.

0:35:34.820 --> 0:35:42.130

David Ittner

That that, that's a separate and I think ongoing situation, yes. So if there is there is some movement on that.

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Rick Little (Guest)

No.

0:35:42.680 --> 0:35:43.940

Cameron Smock

OK. Thank you.

0:35:43.550 --> 0:35:44.630

David Ittner

Yeah, yeah.

0:35:45.980 --> 0:35:46.370

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:35:47.120 --> 0:35:48.70

Rick Little (Guest)

Any other questions?

0:35:50.800 --> 0:35:50.960

Rick Little (Guest)

Yep.

0:35:49.380 --> 0:35:57.560

Pete Cameron (Guest)

Hi, this is Pete. Does person it says that person at the beginning of this did not have a license. Do they have a license now?

0:35:58.480 --> 0:35:58.870

David Ittner

No.

0:36:0.390 --> 0:36:0.850

David Ittner

Nope.

0:36:2.780 --> 0:36:4.40

David Ittner

So in fact, they're operating.

0:36:5.160 --> 0:36:6.450

David Ittner

As an unlicensed operator.

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David Ittner

This is what it appears.

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Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

0:36:12.660 --> 0:36:13.150  
Pete Cameron (Guest)  
OK.

0:36:14.370 --> 0:36:14.880  
Rick Little (Guest)  
All right.

0:36:17.340 --> 0:36:18.360  
Rick Little (Guest)  
Any other questions?

0:36:20.760 --> 0:36:22.370  
Rick Little (Guest)  
If not all in favor say aye.

0:36:23.510 --> 0:36:23.920  
Dante G-Z (Guest)  
Aye.

0:36:24.60 --> 0:36:24.550  
Cameron Smock  
Bye.

0:36:24.150 --> 0:36:24.550  
Pete Cameron (Guest)  
Aye.

0:36:25.150 --> 0:36:25.900  
Constance LeSourd (Guest)  
Aye.

0:36:26.820 --> 0:36:27.460  
Rick Little (Guest)  
Opposed.

0:36:30.820 --> 0:36:32.110  
Rick Little (Guest)  
Any abstentions?

0:36:33.290 --> 0:36:34.560  
Rick Little (Guest)  
The the motions passed.

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Rick Little (Guest)  
Thank you.

0:36:37.170 --> 0:36:38.520

Rick Little (Guest)

But they're quite a few today.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Of item 5, legal issues to deliberate.

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Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

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Rick Little (Guest)

I don't believe there's none there. None, right.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Those go to six disciplinary and investigation items 6.1.

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Rick Little (Guest)

You don't have any.

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Dante G-Z (Guest)

Alright.

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Rick Little (Guest)

6.2.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Rick.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

So thanks Rick 6.2, this is just the report out on cases.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Cases closed, things in investigation, things that have sent to legal and then things that are management review. So as typical you've got quite an assortment of cases in various stages of the process. One of the things I'll share and some of you acting as case managers know that we've had some pretty active prosecuting attorney support lately and kind of going through and cleaning up some things. So I think you'll continue to see quite a bit of activity.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Umm on that and hopefully some of these things that we see in legal will start seeing work their way through to whether Socs are actually something coming to you. So I'm pretty excited about the support we're getting right now and hopefully you'll find it helpful as we move forward.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you, Rick.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Yep.

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Cameron Smock

Rick, I have a question.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Yes.

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Cameron Smock

The management review column is that the case manager review or.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

You know, that's a that's a really good question and I'll I'll call on a lifeline help. I think Grace might understand. So partly one of the things my understanding is these these statuses come directly out of our Polaris system. So that identifies because it's actually sitting in a specific spot. So a Gray site knew you there. Can you speak to that? The management review, could that be both something that the case manager is currently considering or then staff is working on or what that would be?

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Hamilton, Grace (DOL)

Yes. So it's it'll be either a case manager is looking at it or you have sent in a recommendation.

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Hamilton, Grace (DOL)

If, say, you sent in a recommendation to proceed with charging documents, it'll stay in a management review status, but the sub status will change.

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Hamilton, Grace (DOL)

Umm to to something different to where it's gonna be reviewed by the legal team. Also, if you if you recommend remedial counseling, say it'll stay in a management review status, but the sub status will change so that we get the program like the investigation staff will get the remedial counseling finished.

So it'll stay in that management review but the sub status is changed to to depending on where it's at in the process.

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Cameron Smock

Thank you.

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Rick Little (Guest)

It.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Alright. Any other questions?

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Rick Little (Guest)

Alright so.

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Rick Little (Guest)

I 07.

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Rick Little (Guest)

System Attorney General's report.

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Rick Little (Guest)

The Elizabeth here.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Yeah.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

I am here actually.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

So let's see. Rick, do I have? Do you want me to do I have anything to report on?

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

But no, I don't think we have anything specific at at this time with this group. So I think we're in pretty good spot.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

That's right.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Item 8 Committee Task Force reports and know that they're in process. They're.

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Rick Little (Guest)

People are working on those.

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Rick Little (Guest)

The number 9 board staff.

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Rick Little (Guest)

They have a.

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Rick Little (Guest)

It was.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

I think we if we go to the next tab there 9.1 this is one of the standard reports we put out. It just identifies it and we just started doing this this year kind of provides you a current licensing count for the different type of licenses that you have and you can notice the embalmer and funeral director and the interns we've highlighted also kind of the shift since the last board meeting. So you can see the embalmers, you have three more licenses now.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

You got, what, 12 more? Embalmer intern. So. And that might just be that people. Who that?

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

I needed to renew have renewed. I don't know how many of those are actually brand new or what, but you can see kind of that shift and change. You can watch that so.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And then I was gonna mention we don't have it in here. And historically we have, but I believe starting with the next board meeting, you will see another report that's the budget report. And so you'll start getting that. We've been working with the Budget Office. We have a new budget manager who's really been working hard to kind of put together a history of what's been going on and what current is and

make sure that we've got a format that we can bring to you on an ongoing basis. So you should anticipate seeing that at the next board meeting.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

It'll show both revenues and expenditures and kind of where we're at along those lines, a couple just high points or low points, you might call them with the budget is for the last several years. There's been several times that we've had to eat into the fund balance to keep things whole. But actually in 2022, we added to the fund balance. And so that's been a positive move. I think you'll see at the next board meeting a pretty good breakdown of kind of where things are at and what they're looking like moving forward.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And one of the things that agencies doing across all of our programs is examining whether or not we need to consider fee increases to support the programs as they're fully developed. The other thing is they've worked really hard to with this functional alignment. We're kind of dispersed in the way that we manage our people and resources, and they've been coming up with some good plans on how we do that appropriately so that you can be assured that your funeral and cemetery licensing fees are paying for your program.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And you know, to some extent there's some overhead expenses as an organization, but that you know, you're not paying for architects to go out and design a building, but actually paying for the support of your own cemetery program. So and again, I'm excited. The person that I think Gina is our budget manager. And it seems like she came on sometime this spring and there's just been a ton of work. And we're just starting to see the draft reports come out that will be coming to you. So.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

I think you'll like those.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Umm, the other thing, program operations.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

That, I think has been going really well. Some of you have probably involved in some of the discussions, but as you know Grace and Pam.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And the rest of our investigation staff have moved under a different section and they're bringing some new resources to the table with that. And I think it's been a real positive. I think we're going to continue

to see some communication there and working it out so that it's just as effective and as efficient as possible. So I think you can expect some more to come with that.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Excuse me.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Umm. And then same with the licensing team.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Uh and but?

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Thinking of the licensing team, I gonna mention here, there's a few of us that won't be joining you in your future meetings. As you know, this is my last meeting. I don't know how many of you aware, but Kim Hall, who's been your direct support. This is her last meeting as well.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

With you and the the big one and it really is. She's been kind of the face of your program for years. Jeannie Todd is going to retire. And so.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Umm.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

But she's she's here and and on line with us today. And so it didn't know if anybody had any thoughts about Jeannie. I know that if anybody in this profession has called our office for the last, I don't know, 2025 years, the voice they always got was Genie, right. And it's going to be sad to see her go. So although this isn't public comment time, I thought would be a real appropriate time if anybody had any thoughts or comments about Genies work, you're welcome to chime in at this point.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Hi, Jeannie, this is Connie.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

I just wanted to tell you that you've been so helpful all through the years and and we've all always appreciated it. So, but you so deserve your retirement. So best wishes to you. But we'll miss you.

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Todd, Jeanne (DOL)

Thank you, honey.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Umm.

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Pete Cameron (Guest)

Yeah, this is Pete. I want to echo the same sentiments and.

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Pete Cameron (Guest)

Thank you for all your help for navigating all of our especially newly licensees coming into the business and all of the students and trying to make sure that they have all the credits and and all of that. I can't imagine that load that you've been taking on all those years, but I don't remember seeing this as a something that the board authorized and one of our meetings. So I don't know that we should fully accept your resignation without having a motion and a second.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Yeah.

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Todd, Jeanne (DOL)

You.

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Todd, Jeanne (DOL)

I just wanted to say I've worked for the state for almost 34 years and 19 of those years has been with the funeral and cemetery program.

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Todd, Jeanne (DOL)

I'm thankful I'm privileged to meet people and contacts throughout my time throughout my career. I will truly miss you all, but also I'm ready to start my new chapter in my life.

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Todd, Jeanne (DOL)

Thank you guys.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you very much, Jimmy.

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Cameron Smock

Jeannie, this is Cameron. Thank you for your 19 years of extraordinary service, your retirement as well deserved. And I wish you nothing but the best in.

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Cameron Smock

Whatever your future path is.

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Todd, Jeanne (DOL)

Thank you.

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Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

One of the things that I'll add in, and if anybody else has any comments, don't be afraid to just by the end, but one. I'm excited that you're not being left empty handed. I think also on our call today is Jessica Maya, who is the new licensing specialist who is quickly trying to upload as much of genies wisdom and insights into her head, I think.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

It's Jessica started on the 16th, I believe.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And so we've got just a little bit more time with Jeannie. But Jeannie been great helping to train and and bring Jessica up online. So you'll have another superstar kind of supporting you there. And I think that's Jessica Online there. Jessica, welcome to this group. It's a great group to work with.

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Maya, Jessica (DOL)

Thank you so much. I'm really excited to be here.

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Maya, Jessica (DOL)

And. And I'm gonna miss Jeannie's help. She's been so great these last few weeks and.

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Maya, Jessica (DOL)

Uh.

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Maya, Jessica (DOL)

She will be missed for sure.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Absolutely. Thanks Cameron.

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Cameron Smock

I'm.

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Cameron Smock

I'm sorry to hear about Kim's departure during my time as chairman of this board, it was Kim who kept me staying in the lanes and doing what I needed to do as chair. So Kim, I can't begin to express how much I appreciate all of your help and guidance and support while I served as chair.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

You know and.

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Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Thank you, Cameron.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And Cameron, you really highlight something that we always kind of joked about when we used to actually work in an office setting that when we hired Kim and we explained one of the things that she was gonna also do was be the court clerk. Right. And we said, but don't worry, we never have hearings. Don't worry. That just doesn't come up. But, you know, the first group to bring a hearing forward or at least threaten to have hearings was the funeral and cemetery board. And Cameron, I know you presided over a lot of, like prehearing conferences and just all kinds of things.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And I think between him and Elizabeth, they kept you busy in spinning constantly, I imagine.

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Cameron Smock

Yeah.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Yeah.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

I was just gonna say the same thing. Kim has done a fantastic job as board clerk and that is such a complex and difficult job and.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

I don't think I can allow you to leave because.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

It you're very good at it so uh or alternatively and so I'm going to miss you. And alternatively I guess the board can't have anymore hearings so.

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Rick Little (Guest)

There.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Those are the two alternatives. Kim either stays or there's no more hearings.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Now, good luck, Kim.

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Cameron Smock

Yeah.

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Hall, Kimberly (DOL)

Thank you. If I could stay, I would.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Right.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Yeah.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Absolutely.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Yeah, Kim, you're definitely gonna be missed. I really enjoyed our conversations over the last few years, and this is just a sad day for all of us to say goodbye.

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Rick Little (Guest)

So.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

It's tough one, you know, but the, the other thing I want to mention the because it kind of feels like some of us are abandoning ship and just moving along. But I've got to say I am just really immensely sorry to see.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Both Cam and Jeannie go, but I'm really excited to let you know, kind of who's still here to support you, one Deborah Allen Ba, is still on board. She's been our assistant administrator now for the last year. She's well, engaged in quite a few of the conversations regarding this program. And so you're fortunate to have her carrying forward in that position. And then we hired 2 new what? They're brand new positions. Program specialist 5, folks.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Uh one is Sydney Mule, and the other is Sandy Bauer.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And so they will play a real key role with our boards as Sydney will actually be like the main staff contact, probably interacting with this board. She'll be supporting all of the regulatory boards. So there's five of those. So you'll get to know Sydney a lot in the coming weeks and months and hopefully years you'll be like she'll be your superstar moving forward in addition to those two new staff people and mentioned earlier, Jessica, we also have a Lisa Woods online.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Who is our new A3 so?

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Umm, you're likely to get communication from her if you didn't turn in your timesheets, you're likely to hear from Melissa going. Where's your timesheet? She's gonna be another key contact for all of you.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

So and and the other thing is, I believe that starting last week they started interviewing people to replace me. So I think it won't be long probably come here September, you'll have a new administrator working with this group as well. So between that and the work that's going on between the different sections of the agency, I really think the future looks bright for y'all. I'm excited for the committee that's gonna take a real hard look at licensure and see if there's any adjustments that need to be made.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Here we've been through a couple of tough years with the pandemic, right? It's been 2 1/2 years now.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

A lot of ups and downs and.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Or if we can just finish that out, we'll be doing well. But I think you're in really great hands and you've got good folks to work with. And then the thing I keep telling staff that we bring on is our board members are just a great work group of people to work with and you all are kind of our favorites. And so we, those of us going, will miss you greatly, but we're excited for the plans you have moving forward, so.

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Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Absolutely.

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Rick Little (Guest)

And is there any other comments at all?

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Cameron Smock

Yeah. So, Rick, I'm sorry I wasn't able to attend your farewell a couple of weeks ago, but what I said about Kim.

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Cameron Smock

And, Jeannie, I can certainly say about you as well.

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Cameron Smock

Uh, you your leadership. You've handled it with?

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Cameron Smock

Grace and.

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Cameron Smock

Professionalism and your bedside manner is impeccable for the role you've been in, so thank you for all of your support of our board and the program and your retirement is certainly well deserved and please know how much I appreciate.

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Cameron Smock

Or relationship over the last several years, and I wish you all the best.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

A camera. I appreciate it. And just so you know, you're in good company. I also missed my retirement gathering so.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Yes, that's very true.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Fortunately, Rick Little was there, so there was at least a risk that people could relate to. I mean, that was that was positive, right?

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David Ittner

A quick comment from me. Rick, I really appreciate how you've been involved with all of these there there's, I mean some people don't know there's all these ancillary issues and things that pop up that were, you know, working on from time to time. And Rick, you've done a fantastic job of walking me through as a new board member on how those things work and you know really dealing with some significant issues. And so I just appreciate your thoughtfulness and.

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David Ittner

As Pete and Cameron pointed out, and just how you've worked with other departments. It's been, it's been fun and very interesting. So thank you so much.

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Rick Little (Guest)

It just.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Absolutely. Spend my pleasure.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Yeah, just for the.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Even with COVID, when it first hit, you're just right spot on to to answer questions. You learned a whole lot about our industry really quick.

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Rick Little (Guest)

During COVID, so I just appreciate all of your the help you did for our industry. Now the board.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

They curate.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

No, I appreciate that and.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

So again, like I say, I think I think you're in great hands. A lot of real positive things moving forward. And one of the things actually if you don't mind, we'll move on to item 9.3 other items and just a brief introduction to it. Like we've mentioned before, we've become functionally aligned, which means that some of the staff that supports you on a regular basis actually answer to a different administrator. They're in a different work group and it's really built around functions and pretty much all of the sections that we've created.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

In our business and Professions division support this board, but there's one that actually doesn't provide a direct support to you, but we thought would be important for you to meet them in the sense of who they are and what they do. It's a group called prorate and fuel Tax and I think we've got Karen Online with us from that group to share a little bit about. So who is pirate and fuel tax so.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

After it.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Hey, good morning everybody. I'm Catherine. With priority close enough. Frick, it's fine.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

There you go.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Thank you for allowing me to come to your board meeting and this is the first time I've ever attended a board meeting because we don't support any of the various boards. So it's interesting for me to see. So I appreciate that. I am Katherine Ataman and the assistant administrator for prorate and fuel tax. We are somewhat unique in business in professions, in the Department of licensing basically.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Uh, we collect tax and I think we may be the only group that does that. So let me explain what it is we do and I'll be happy to take any questions you might have about what that is. It might be interesting. So we have 69 employees and our group they are tax examiners and auditors mostly right. Our budget is \$13.1 million biennium.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

And that is supported by tax revenue. So we are in what's called the transportation bucket, all of our funding comes from fuel taxes that are collected on the sale of fuel.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

We are one of the BPD operational areas and we're organized into four different units, fuel, tax and then licensed refunds, motor carrier services, audit and administrative and office supports.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Though here's what we do.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

We collect the tax.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

That is imposed upon fuel that is used for the roads, for the correct, the repair of the roads and the highways in the state. This is the fuel that you put into the propulsion system of your vehicles. So what you put in your trucks and your cars for the most part.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

The tax rate is a 49.4 cents a gallon, so one of the questions we usually get is, well, the gas is really expensive now, so you must have more taxes, not so much. No, since it's a per gallon tax whether you buy, whether it costs a dollar a gallon or \$10 a gallon, we get 49.4 cents a gallon. So the amount of tax is the same. It's based on the total number of gallons that are.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Purchased in a taxable manner.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

So the fuel tax is set-up like this. It's a statutory tax. It was set-up in the 1920s.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

And in the model it basically we impose the tax at a point called the terminal rack.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

The terminal rack. Easiest way to explain it is a big fuel storage warehouse. There are about 26 of them in the state. They're very, very large. Hundreds and hundreds of thousands of gallons of gasoline and diesel and other various fuels are stored there.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

When that fuel is removed from that system, we call that the racks big gas station, they put in the back of a truck, that's when the tax is imposed. So it's imposed prior to it getting to a gas station. The tax is imposed upon further upon the end consumer, which would be all of you on the line. So when you go to fill up your vehicle, the tax is included in the price and it reimburses backup to the chain. Two, essentially, extremely large companies, there's about 300 licensees that pay the fuel tax under the fuel tax system.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

If the tax wasn't previously imposed, it is imposed on the next taxable entity below the rack, which again is the big gas station.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

So this is paid on a monthly tax return is due on the 25th of every month.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

And the customer bases basically fuel tax licensees. So we have suppliers, those are the biggest fuel companies in the world usually and in the state distributors blunders, aircraft distributors, terminal operators, so those.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Big warehouses or terminals, carriers which are train companies, so the rail carriers, they carry the fuel in and out of our state.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

And a very small proportion of home heating oil suppliers.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Oh, that is the fuel tax program, which I said is about 300 licensees. The second part of our program is motor carrier services. So in that we are a member.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Of two different international agreements that provide a licensing point, a single licensing point for vehicle registration and fuel tax reporting for commercial vehicles that cross state lines. So basically big rigs that are driving in and in and out of the state and into Canada and sometimes into Mexico. We register and track those. They pay their taxes to us and they get their plates from us.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

The International infestation plan and the International Fuel Tax Agreement help these drivers of these vehicles and the owners of these companies get their plates like I said, and pay their taxes, which is pay differently than how you and I pay it back up at the pump.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Basically what they do for taxes is they pay the tax at the pump like you do. Then they file a quarterly tax return which redistributes that money based on where they actually owe the tax. As you can imagine, they purchase fuel in Washington and they're spending that as they drive across multiple states.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

We will work with all of those other states to distribute those tax funds to the appropriate state from Washington, and they will distribute our taxes from their drivers that come to Washington, which is why it's the international fuel tax plan.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

We process the commercial vehicle registrations, their license plates, other credentials they need to pass over the state lines for the law enforcement.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

And.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

We also collect their taxes.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

We have an audit program that's a financial audit of all of our licensees.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

So they will audit 3% of all the motor carriers every year mandated and then a certain percentage of our fuel licenses as well.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

These audits can devote in refunds.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Assessments and no no change.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

And we were actually audit on behalf of every Member jurisdiction and if denied RP. So we're we're actually auditing behalf in 58 different international and national States and provinces in Canada.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

So the tax revenue that we collect last year was 1.6.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Uh billion dollars annually and this is used for the transportation system. So what that means is roads, bridges, public transportation, ferries. That's what repairs all of those creates them. Basically all of our money goes over to Department of Transportation and also pays for our program as well.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

We have about.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

18,000 total licensees. So that includes about 300 if fuel tax and the difference would mostly be those international carriers, the ones that travel across the state lines.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Our partners are Department of Transportation, obviously.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

We work with State Patrol OFM, the lawmakers. When you see a bill come out, let's raise the fuel tax. Let's do this with the fuel tax. We're gonna work with them on that to try to figure out what's gonna be workable, what we can do to help them.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Are other jurisdictional partners, so the other States and Canadian provinces, federal dot tribal governments and even local governments at times.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

One area that I kind of gleaned over was we also do unlicensed refunds. So what that is is when an entity or an individual buys fuel and it has the tax included upon it and they use that tax and a nontaxable method. So let's say you buy 100 gallons of diesel fuel and you put it in your boat.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

To go out on Puget Sound, you can apply for a refund of the fuel tax because that is not a used for transportation. That's a use for pleasure voting. We processed those style refund requests as well for fuel used in exempt manners or fuel tax exempt manners from many, many industries. Agricultural logging, federal government, firefighting, boating and construction and so on and so on. But we have several.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Several businesses and individuals who apply for fuel tax refunds every year.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

So high level, this kind of what we do and I went a little fast.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

And although like Rick said, we're not, we're in BPD. We're not, we're not a bucketed into like, say licensing in one side and audits on another side. We are kind of our own little unit.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

We are similar in that we do have licensing, we do customer training, we do education, we have enforcement, we have audits.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

You know we have compliance and policy actions. We can revoke licenses which you know if you're a trucker and your trucks licenses revoked, you cannot travel Interstate anymore. That actually stop you and the State Patrol or corresponding law enforcement and other districts will stop your truck on the other side of the border. And it's going to sit there until your license is corrected. And we have online services, customer support and improvements to our systems, just like all the other areas are doing.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

So in that way, we're very similar and in the other way we have a taxing program that's just a little different.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Does anybody have questions they might wanna ask me?

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

This is Connie, and I have a question.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Mm-hmm.

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Dante G-Z (Guest)

Yeah.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

You said that the tax that you collect off of the fuel is mid to, you know, help with Rd repairs and bridge repairs. We have a bridge in our Skagit County here that hasn't been touched in. I bet at least 20 years and I'm getting very nervous to even go over it anymore. I remember I've been here all my life. And I remember as a little girl that bridge would be cleaned and painted.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

I don't know, I'm just estimating every 15 years and it has been touched and probably they said 20 year it's it's in bad shape. So I'm just wondering, I went to our mayor here. I went to some.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

People that you know and our Commissioners and I don't get any answers and I just just wondering if the state and and I was told that it's it's the state's responsibility. Well, can you answer any questions about that sort of thing?

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Uh, I don't know precisely exactly who would own that. We don't have any input on how those funds are expended, where the collection point, so it gets sent back over to the Department of Transportation at that point and at a high level, the only thing I know is, depending on who owns that area or owns that section of the road would be responsible, likely for the correction or repairs to a bridge.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

But we cannot. Looks like there could be some particular divisions that might be responsible for that. I would maybe be able to get you a contact at dot. I can try if you'd like to have somebody to talk to and at least. Yeah, go ahead.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

I was gonna say sorry to interrupt you, but Catherine and I appreciate that. And I would if you gave me a contact, I'd be right there to.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

OK.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Talk to him.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Well.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

And you're on the invite list, right, Connie? So I can see your e-mail address on the invite list.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Is that right, Richard or Rick?

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Yes, I believe so. And if not, we can certainly get that tour so.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Yep.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

OK, alright. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

You mention.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Yeah, no problem.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

But I just had a quick question which which bridge I missed the beginning of that.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

It's. I'm in Skagit County and it's the bridge that goes from downtown Mount Vernon over to the West side of Mount Vernon.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

So that's probably your is it? Is it on a? Is it on a highway or a freeway or?

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

That would be.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Oh oh, I'm trying to think it. Trying to think of the Main Street and Ohh boy it's.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

It's probably your county that you wanna talk to.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

The county.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

That would be my guess, yeah.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

OK.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

My coworkers.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Umm.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Usually the other ones. And then there's there's a County Road administration board, so they they also might have some information for you.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

OK.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

But.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

And my my.

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Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Yeah.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

My coworker Wesley is on the line and he dropped for me a link to the bridge service part of the Department of Transportation's website, which actually does have.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

A local program spread and engineer listed there and some phone numbers to call, as well as some guidance of what's supposed to happen in when.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Umm.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

So it might be useful information as well to if you, even if it's your county, to say I look this up and.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

I don't feel like you know, these standards are being held to the way I was expecting, but that should help a little bit as well so.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

That's probably the easiest place to start, to be honest, is what they already have. If you haven't already contacted the these folks.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

No.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

And that might be a good place to start.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

OK. And in can that be sent to my e-mail or can I find that, yeah, OK.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Yeah. Umm, yeah. Let me write that down.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Does anybody else have any questions that?

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

They would like to ask me.

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Pete Cameron (Guest)

This is Pete. I just wanted to say thanks for the quick explanation about the refunds. Just when this list came out, seeing that we collected 1.5 billion and then refunded 93 million didn't seem like a very efficient.

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Pete Cameron (Guest)

Way to.

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Pete Cameron (Guest)

Conduct business that we're refunding over half of what we've collected, but I appreciate the explanation as to why.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Is this?

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Yeah, considering that the tax is actually charged way in high in the distribution chain of fuel, it's not impossible to get fuel that has no tax upon it at a lower level. But it's extremely difficult and usually guided only by what's exempt already under statute. So you know, you can basically, if you're the federal government, you may be able to purchase it without tax imposed from a fuel supplier, but most people, if you're going to the pump, it's gonna have the tax included.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Now there is a product called Die Diesel which is red color diesel and that means no tax was already included on that. Even a federal tax is not included on dyed diesel and that is only meant to be used off road. So you know if you have equipment that's being used not on public roadways at all and not in the

proportional system of licensed or should be licensed vehicle, you can purchase the ID diesel and use it there and not have to go through a refund process for that. That product is available. It's not everywhere but it is available for.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

For the industries that need it.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Good.

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Pete Cameron (Guest)

Alright, thank you.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Yeah.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

No problem.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Alright.

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Constance LeSourd (Guest)

Thank you, Catherine.

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Ataman, Katherine (DOL)

Yep, thank you. If you have any questions, let me know.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Appreciate that.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Alright.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Let's go to the 1010.1 other business. I have data in there you have report.

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David Ittner

Yeah, just briefly and Rick, please jump in. And if you have anything to add on this particular topic, I'm gonna give just some very brief highlights, but the Department of Historic Preservation.

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David Ittner

Has hired an in coordination with the Department of Licensing and also some legislators IT consultant, to look at a few things and I'll just start off by saying I'm very thankful again for Rick's involvement and really kind of staying on top of all of this and making sure that.

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David Ittner

Department of Licensing and cemetery. The cemetery industry is involved and in the know on what's happening, but what they're looking at essentially is.

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David Ittner

How to protect intentionally buried?

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David Ittner

Cremated remains, for example, in a pet cemetery.

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David Ittner

So there's there's just many examples of of where permitted remains are buried somewhere other than a dedicated cemetery. And so they're looking at that and how to protect that situation. Also looking at the definitions as they relate to each other from an operating cemetery and abandoned cemetery and historic cemeteries as well. And whether or not there should be some changes involved there.

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David Ittner

One of the other issues is is.

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David Ittner

A. If there's a non cemetery activity, for example a potentially a cell tower that is placed in an operating cemetery, or a nonoperating cemetery, should there be some sort of public input or other process involved with that? But.

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David Ittner

So there's a lot, lot, lot going on there.

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David Ittner

But I again I feel I feel comfortable in that the the the consultant will come back and return, you know their opinion essentially and it's and it's a reputable firm.

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David Ittner

And and then as a as a group or a committee, we would look at it and determine, you know, do we accept any of their recommendations or not?

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David Ittner

Certainly not required to so.

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David Ittner

Again, we're we're involved and we're staying on top of it, so.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Thank you.

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David Ittner

Break anything that add on that.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

You know, I think that's it, a great point, a lot of good information, Dave. Again, this is it's a study that's been commissioned essentially by the legislature and the final report needs to go to the legislature here prior to the next legislative session.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And and really rises out of the partly the question that came up that Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation has a definition of cemeteries that is different from the definition of cemetery that's in your laws and rules and just looking at some of the impacts of those issues.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And again they they put out a request for proposals for consultant and the one they got is just a really high quality group that really focuses on the cemetery industry.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And it seems really like they should put together some excellent work to do it. I think what we should see is over this fall, as they dig into it, is that you should be hearing some more if things work appropriately, I think they should be reaching out to the.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Industry as they go through kind of their discovery phase of what's going on and not going on and it's just to come out with a report for the legislature to consider if there's anything that they should do differently with those things. So.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

And I think, Dave, hopefully we have Dave locked in as kind of a point of contact with the agencies that are involved and Sydney will be able to participate with him. Dev has been engaged in some of this. So we're doing our best to stay on top of it and engaged and make sure that your voice is heard as we move through the process.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

So.

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Rick Little (Guest)

Elizabeth, you have your hand up there.

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Storvick, Richard (DOL)

OK.

1:16:6.320 --> 1:16:30.730

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Yeah. So I'm not very aware of, I'm not even aware of what's happening. So I guess I I if somebody could kind of get me in the loop that would be useful. I haven't heard anything from the consultant. I have had a little bit of interaction from the attorney for DAP, but not on not on this specific issue, so.

1:16:30.630 --> 1:16:32.820

Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Yeah, we we'll get UM.

1:16:34.550 --> 1:16:34.760

Rick Little (Guest)

This.

1:16:40.810 --> 1:16:41.10

Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)

Right.

1:16:33.730 --> 1:16:52.670

Storvick, Richard (DOL)

Put in the request to have you be one of the primary contacts that we have with that, Elizabeth, so that you'll be engaged in it too again. Basically what's happened at this point is they just recently hired the consulting firm to actually start doing some survey work and gather information around it. So yeah.

1:16:52.580 --> 1:16:53.810  
Lagerberg, Elizabeth E (ATG)  
OK. Thank you.

1:16:54.110 --> 1:16:54.740  
Storvick, Richard (DOL)  
You betcha.

1:16:56.250 --> 1:16:56.610  
Rick Little (Guest)  
OK.

1:16:57.970 --> 1:17:2.80  
Rick Little (Guest)  
Thank you. So item 10.2.

1:17:3.300 --> 1:17:4.440  
Rick Little (Guest)  
For the last time, Kim.

1:17:6.530 --> 1:17:7.790  
Hall, Kimberly (DOL)  
Thank you so.

1:17:7.80 --> 1:17:8.610  
Rick Little (Guest)  
This is sad, you guys.

1:17:11.260 --> 1:17:11.750  
Rick Little (Guest)  
Anything.

1:17:12.620 --> 1:17:19.840  
Hall, Kimberly (DOL)  
Action items? No, I don't have any. I didn't capture anything other than the ongoing committees that we already have.

1:17:20.410 --> 1:17:20.670  
Rick Little (Guest)  
OK.

1:17:21.510 --> 1:17:26.420  
Hall, Kimberly (DOL)  
Or the agenda. I don't really have anything except for 2023 meetings.

1:17:27.630 --> 1:17:30.500  
Hall, Kimberly (DOL)  
Work on this next meeting that day, the last of the year.

1:17:31.70 --> 1:17:31.970

Rick Little (Guest)

Alright, thank you.

1:17:32.990 --> 1:17:35.240

Rick Little (Guest)

Of 11 public comment.

1:17:36.480 --> 1:17:45.470

Rick Little (Guest)

This is an opportunity for the board to receive comments from the public, and individual comments will be limited to three minutes each.

1:17:46.220 --> 1:17:53.700

Rick Little (Guest)

If you'd like to make a comment, please unmute your line, state your name and share your comments with the board.

1:17:54.430 --> 1:17:58.340

Rick Little (Guest)

As a reminder, please mute your line once you have finished.

1:18:6.610 --> 1:18:7.370

Rick Little (Guest)

Any comments?

1:18:9.920 --> 1:18:10.230

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

1:18:11.750 --> 1:18:12.800

Rick Little (Guest)

Wait a second here.

1:18:22.10 --> 1:18:22.560

Rick Little (Guest)

All right.

1:18:23.440 --> 1:18:23.920

Rick Little (Guest)

But.

1:18:25.310 --> 1:18:26.850

Rick Little (Guest)

So 12.

1:18:28.470 --> 1:18:32.350

Rick Little (Guest)

We are journeying this meeting. It's 1119.

1:18:33.290 --> 1:18:49.230

Rick Little (Guest)

And again, Rick, Kim and Jeannie, we are surely gonna miss you. I know you have things planned for your future, and they just look. Please look forward to those and enjoy Hamilton. Yeah.

1:18:50.650 --> 1:18:57.770

Rick Little (Guest)

Danny, you enjoy your grandchildren and Kim, you enjoy it alone, star state.

1:18:58.750 --> 1:18:59.980

Rick Little (Guest)

That's we go forward.

1:19:3.950 --> 1:19:4.150

Rick Little (Guest)

OK.

1:19:0.170 --> 1:19:7.320

Storvick, Richard (DOL)

They don't know Rick. One thing we did have Cameron with his hand raised. I don't sure if he was waving goodbye to us or had a comment there.

1:19:8.370 --> 1:19:17.540

Cameron Smock

No, and and we're at the adjournment. So I may I may have missed it too late. Where are we in terms of in person meetings has the state.

1:19:19.180 --> 1:19:23.780

Cameron Smock

Made any comment on whether we're going to return to that at some point or are we still kind of?

1:19:24.470 --> 1:19:27.530

Cameron Smock

Business as usual with remote meetings at this point.