

# MARYLAND BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

## OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**January 28, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/GREETINGS:** Board President, Dr. Mark Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the open session to discuss Legislative Action concerning HB106/SB439 – Health Occupations – Morticians and Funeral Directors - Apprenticeships

*Board Members Present:* Dr. Mark Bailey, President, Robert Lang, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Kirk Helfenbein, Secretary; Brandon Wylie; Sheria Jennings, Dr. Ahmed Elzaree, Melanie Oppat

*Board Member Absent:* Robert Bradshaw, Michele Kutta, Dr. James Kalshoven, Suzanna Kuriadom

*Board Staff Present:* Christy Collins, Executive Director; Deborah Donohue, Esq., Interim Board Counsel.

2. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS:** Dr. Bailey summarized the details of the changes addressed in HB106/SB439. This bill would require an applicant for an apprentice license issued by the Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to be enrolled in or have graduated from a mortuary science program, to stay enrolled in the program during the apprenticeship, and to complete at least 1,000 working hours in a licensed funeral establishment under the direct supervision of the apprentice sponsor.

3. **LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

- I. Legislative Committee Chair Sheria Jennings made a motion to have the Board approve taking a position of support for HB106. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ahmed Elzaree, and the Board unanimously approved supporting HB106.
- II. Chair Sheria Jennings made a motion to have the Board approve taking a position of support for SB439, the cross-file for HB106. The motion was seconded by Melanie Oppat and the Board unanimously approved supporting SB439.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Dr. Ahmed Elzaree made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Robert Lang, and with unanimous Board approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.