

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS & EMBALMERS  
FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING  
MINUTES**

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**Thursday, October 12, 2023**

**Department of Health Professions  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Henrico, Virginia 23233**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The formal hearing of the Board was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jason Graves, FSL, President (Chair)  
Joseph Michael Williams, FSL, Vice President  
Lacyn Barton, FSL  
S. Jonathan Hines, FSL  
Mia Mimms, FSL, JD

**BOARD COUNSEL:**

M. Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:**

Corie Tillman Wolf, Executive Director  
Melanie Pagano, Deputy Executive Director  
Florence Venable, Discipline and Operations Manager

**COURT REPORTER:**

Mona Brooks, County Court Reporters, Inc.

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF  
COMMONWEALTH:**

Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

**COMMONWEALTH'S  
WITNESS:**

Stephen Shirley, Senior Investigator, DHP

**RESPONDENTS'  
WITNESSES:**

Casey Martin Jones, FSL  
S. Wetzler, MD

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Leigh Ann Nichols  
Doug LeQuire  
Donald Childers  
Alexis Green  
Melanie Cruz

**MATTER:**

**Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home Inc.**

**License No.: 0501-000191**

**Case Number: 212247**

**James Lester Baswell, FSL**

**License No.: 0502-900413**

**Case Number: 212240**

**Casey Martin Jones, FSL**

**License No.: 0502-901242**

**Case Number: 212879**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
QUORUM:**

With five (5) members present, a quorum was established.

**PRELIMINARY  
MATTERS:**

All parties agreed to the consolidation of the Respondents' cases prior to proceeding to the formal hearing before the Board.

The Commonwealth's Motion to exclude other witnesses from the hearing room was denied.

**DISCUSSION:**

Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Inc., Mr. Baswell, FSL, and Mr. Jones, FSL, appeared before the Board in accordance with the Amended Notice of Formal Hearing dated August 8, 2023. They were represented by counsel, Justin Berger, Esq., and Pierre Green, Esq.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony on behalf of the Commonwealth and parties regarding the allegations in the Notice.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Joseph Williams, FSL, and duly seconded by Lacyn Barton, FSL, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting, pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach decisions in the matters of Holloman-Brown Funeral Home, Inc. James Baswell, FSL, and Casey Jones, FSL.

Additionally, Mr. Williams moved that Mr. Saunders,

Ms. Tillman Wolf, Ms. Pagano and Ms. Venable attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENE:**

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in open session.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Joseph Michael Williams, FSL, and duly seconded by Lacyn Barton, FSL, the Board voted to dismiss the case against James Baswell, FSL.  
The motion carried.

**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Joseph Michael Williams, FSL, and duly seconded by Mia Mimms, FSL, the Board voted to dismiss the case against Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home Inc.  
The motion carried.

**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Joseph Michael Williams, FSL, and duly seconded by Mia Mimms, FSL, the Board voted to dismiss the case against Casey Jones, FSL.  
The motion carried.

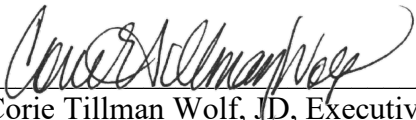
**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

For the Board:

  
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Corie Tillman Wolf, JD, Executive Director

January 16, 2024  
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Date