

MARYLAND BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
February 15, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER/GREETINGS:** Board President, Dr. Mark Bailey called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the open session.

Board Members Present: Dr. Mark Bailey, President; Michele Kutta, 1st Vice President; 2nd Vice President; Kirk Helfenbein; Robert Bradshaw; Robert Lang, Secretary; Dr. James Kalshoven; Brandon Wylie; Melanie Oppat; Rev. Richard Mosley

Board Member Absent: Sheria Jennings; Suzanna Kuriadom

Board Staff Present: Christy Collins, Executive Director; Joshua Frazer, Esq., Board Counsel; Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator.

2. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** Dr. Bailey summarized the details of SB899, which would transfer authority over the Health Occupations Boards' "infrastructure operations" from the boards themselves to the Secretary of Health. Additionally, SB899 gives the Secretary the authority to employ a staff for each board and designate one staff member as executive director (both in consultation with the specific board) and grants the Governor the authority to appoint a board member as board chair/president (again in consultation with the specific board).
3. **LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** Legislative Committee Co-Chair Brandon Wylie made a motion to oppose SB899 seconded by Dr. James Kalshoven and the Board unanimously approved opposition of SB899.
4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Dr. Bailey made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Dr. James Kalshoven and by general consensus with no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.