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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Chris Ferguson, Executive Director
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Dear Executive Director Ferguson:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Funeral Board intends to take with respect to complaint 20-03. The applicant sought to renew an apprenticeship registration, but failed to submit all documentation required by the Board's rules. The Board notified the applicant of the deficiencies, but the applicant did not supplement the application. The Board proposes to deny the application.

The Funeral Services Licensing Act authorizes the Funeral Board to deny applications for failure to comply with the Act or Board rules promulgated thereunder. 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 396.12c(5), (8). The Board's rules require certain documents to be submitted with an application to renew an apprenticeship registration. OAC 235:10-3-5(c)(4). The Board may reasonably believe the proposed action is necessary to ensure proper credentials for apprentices.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Funeral Board has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to protect public health, welfare, and safety and to ensure funeral apprentices are adequately qualified.

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