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Fine, surrendered licenses at the latest Pa. funeral board meeting

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The Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors settled disciplinary cases with a fine and the surrender of two licenses at its regular meeting last week.

The board said Paradise Gardens in Trainer, Pa., agreed to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty, plus the costs of the investigation, to resolve charges that its shareholder was not a licensed funeral director or the immediate family of a funeral director, in violation of Section 8 of the Funeral Director Law. The board prosecutor noted that the shareholder of this establishment is now a licensed funeral director.

Also during the May 15 meeting, Jay A. Hoffer Funeral Home and Sandra L. Hoffer, F.D., agreed to surrender their licenses to resolve charges that two preneed contracts were not reported to the board and that the funds received under those contracts were not placed in trust. The board prosecutor noted that the respondents had discovered the mistakes on their own and taken corrective action, including trusting the misplaced funds, before any board involvement.

There remain 16 disciplinary cases pending before the board.

In other board news:

- This was the first meeting for new board member [Charles F. Snyder, III](#), a third-generation funeral director from the family-owned and operated [Snyder Funeral Homes](#) in Lancaster, Pa.
- Board counsel noted that the board would continue its work on regulations, starting with a general revisions package, hopefully at its next meeting.
- Board counsel also noted that [House Bill 1172](#), which would allow for alkaline hydrolysis in Pennsylvania, passed the House on May 1 and now heads to the state Senate for consideration.

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