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Derickson Named Director For Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

The Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors announced today it has appointed Ohio Representative Tim Derickson as its new executive director effective Monday, Aug. 22, 2016. Derickson currently serves in the Ohio House of Representatives as chairman of the Community and Family Advancement Committee, chairman of the Faith Based and Community Initiatives Board and chairman of the Ohio Legislative Prayer Caucus.

“We are pleased that Tim Derickson will bring a wealth of experience from both the public and private sector as the new executive director of the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors,” said Board President Jon W. Rettig, Sr. “We are excited to have him on our team.”

In addition to his public service, Derickson has worked in healthcare administration, managing health/medical plans for public schools and founded Colonial Wood Furniture with his wife. He is a graduate of Clark State Community College and Miami University.

Derickson replaces Vanessa Niekamp who resigned as executive director in July. The mission of the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors is to protect consumers and regulate the funeral service profession by establishing a standard of competency through the licensure of embalmers, funeral directors, crematory facilities, embalming facilities, and funeral homes. The quality of service provided by the board ensures public health, establishes fair business practices and protects a vulnerable clientele.

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