

State Board of Cemeterians

Board Meeting

April 26, 2011

A meeting of the State Board of Cemeterians was held on April 26, 2011 via teleconference. William (Micky) Couey, President, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: William (Micky) Couey, President; Tim Smith, Vice President; Clifton Dempsey, Michael Lawrence, Emory Lamar, Dan Greene and Richard Parker.

Staff present: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director; Jeff Stump, Assistant Attorney General and Melanie Brown, Board Support Specialist.

Clifton Dempsey moved, Michael Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting.

Clifton Dempsey moved, Richard Parker seconded, and the Board voted to take actions on the following cases:

- ENCM00330 Forward to the Funeral Services Board to investigate, identify joint issues, and forward relevant issues to the District Attorney's office

- ENCM00334 Refer to Enforcement

Clifton Dempsey moved to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** in accordance with O. C. G. A. §50-14-4(b) and §35-3-38 to review background information concerning a preneed sales agent application. Richard Parker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by William (Micky) Couey, President; Tim Smith, Vice President; Michael Lawrence, Clifton Dempsey, Emory Lamar, Dan Greene and Richard Parker. The Board concluded Executive Session at the end of discussion and entered back into Open Session.:

Tim Smith moved, Michael Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted to deny the following applications for registration:

- 1280038 Rene' Armstrong Preneed Sales Agent Atlanta

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Michael Lawrence moved, Dan Greene seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following cease and desist order upon receipt with express permission, for unlicensed practice:

- Peoples Funeral Home of Augusta, GA

Clifton Dempsey moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following voluntary surrender upon receipt with express permission:

- Reita Vault Company of Savannah, GA

Cox Funeral Home on behalf of Meriwether Memory Garden located in Manchester, GA submitted a request to have the Board's permission to remove 10 acres from dedication and released for other business purposes. Such requests are beyond the scope of the Board's authority and should be referred to the appropriate county government office. The county where the property is located would typically have jurisdiction over such matters.

Tim Smith moved, Richard Parker seconded, and the Board voted to have board staff, when sending written notification in response to an appeal request, also caution denied applicants that they are not authorized to provide goods and services under O.C.G.A. § 10-14 and to cease from any and all activities under the code section, until otherwise notified by the board office of a change in their application status.

Richard Parker moved, Tim Smith seconded, and the Board voted to begin the process of repealing Board Rule 590-3-1.12, Internal Rules and Regulations of Cemeteries; Schedule of Charges.

President Couey reported on the recent meeting held by Secretary of State, Brian Kemp, via teleconference. The meeting included all board chairs or their designee, of professions administratively supported by the Professional Licensing Boards Division.

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Clifton Dempsey moved, Richard Parker seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will be June 28, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the June 28, 2011 board meeting.