

State Board of Cemeterians

Board Meeting

October 3, 2011

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of allowing the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into proposed rule amendments to be considered by the Board. President Tim Smith called the hearing to order at 11:00 a.m. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Clift Dempsey moved, Richard Parker seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the proposed amendments to Board Rule 590-3-1-.12 and 590-3-3-.01.

The Board President called the regular meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Professional Licensing Boards Office located in Macon, Georgia, and at the Office of Secretary of State located in Atlanta, Georgia.

A quorum was established with members present being: Tim Smith, President; Michael Lawrence, Vice President; and Clifton Dempsey; attending via video conference from Atlanta and board members present in Macon were William (Micky) Couey, Emory Lamar, and Richard Parker. Board member Dan Greene attended the meeting via teleconference.

Staff present: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, in Macon; Jeff Stump, Assistant Attorney General, via video conference from Atlanta and Melanie Brown, Board Support Specialist, in Macon.

Also in attendance were: Lisa W. Durden, Division Director for the Professional Licensing Boards Division in Macon; and Brendan Teti, Network Administrator in Macon. Veronica Lightfoot with the Attorney General's Office and Mike Helmase with the Georgia Cemetery Association were present via video conference from Atlanta.

Micky Couey moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2011 meeting.

Emory Lamar moved, Dan Greene seconded, and the Board voted to take action on the following case:

- ENCM00345 Send correspondence stating that while some improvements have been made, the Board is particularly concerned with the roads and water drainage affecting the property. Also send an inspector again in 60 days.

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Mike Lawrence moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to take action on the following case:

- ENCM00363 Have investigator call to follow-up on the status of the construction with family and cemetery before closing.

Cliff Dempsey moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the Board voted to take action on the following case:

- ENCM00360 Close after follow-up inspection to obtaining a status or notice of intent with respect to the roads.

Richard Parker moved, Mike Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted to take action on the following case:

- ENCM00361 Close, civil matter the board has no jurisdiction. Send letter of notification to complainant.

Clifton Dempsey moved, Mike Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted to take action on the following case:

- ENCM00363 Close

Clifton Dempsey moved, Mike Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted to table the following application for registration pending receipt of the final disposition for the 2010 criminal act:

- 1726041 E A H Preneed Sales Agent

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Richard Parker informed the Board that he attended a meeting concerning a Glynn County columbarium, which also included some Glynn County officials, where he had the opportunity to explain registration requirements and urge the county to amend its burial regulations to coincide with state requirements. Further discussion led to the matter being referred to the Attorney General for an opinion on the definition of a cemetery under 10-14-.03.

Preneed licensure requirements for funeral homes selling preneed arrangements will be an item for discussion at the next board meeting.

Mr. Lamar questioned the status of Cedar Ridge Cemetery. An offer to settle the case was made by the owner and referred to the Secretary of State Office by Jeff Stump.

Cliff Dempsey questioned the status of the case involving Oaknoll Mausoleum. According to board staff the matter is still pending.

Mr. Dempsey also questioned the renewal of registrations for Preneed Sales Agents. Mr. Lindsey requested that the Board consider changing renewal dates from each anniversary to a specific date for all agents.

Cliff Dempsey moved, Michael Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted to approve the 2012 schedule of board meeting dates as follows:

- Tuesday, February 21, 2012
- Tuesday, April 24, 2012
- Tuesday, June 19, 2012
- Tuesday, August 21, 2012
- Tuesday, October 23, 2012
- Tuesday, December 18, 2012

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Michael Lawrence moved, Clifton Dempsey seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will be December 6, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the December 6, 2011 meeting.