

**Georgia State Board of Cemeterians
Board Meeting – April 19, 2016
Via Teleconference**

Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Members Present:

- Richard Parker, Acting Chair
- Tim Smith
- William (Micky) Couey
- Daniel (Dan) Greene
- Emory Lamar

Staff Present:

- La Trenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director
- Jeff Stump, Assistant Attorney General
- Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist
- Carla Murray, Licensing Analyst
- Brooke Newby, Senior Attorney II

Members Absent:

- Mike Lawrence
- Clift Dempsey, Chair

Note: Visitors are excused during Executive Session unless scheduled for a personal appearance.

OPEN SESSION:

Richard Parker, Acting Chair, noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m., and declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§50-14-1 et seq.

Minutes:

Mickey Couey motioned, Dan Greene seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Open Session Meeting minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting.

Mickey Couey motioned, Dan Greene seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Executive Session Meeting minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting.

Licenses Issued Report:

The Board reviewed the following Report of Licenses Issued: 02-23-16 thru 4-15-2016 (Total – 25)

License #	Licensee
PA003663	Sylvia Inez Suitt
PA003664	Kimberley Garrett
PA003665	James Alan March, Jr
PA003666	Angela M Mann
PA003667	John Joseph Butler
PA003668	Ty Alan Taylor
PA003669	Cecilia S Arnold
PA003670	Aziz Baseemah
PA003671	Fred Albert Black, Jr
PA003672	Tina Cornett Lisy
PA003673	Michael David Bailey

License #	Licensee
PA003674	David Leroy Hodges
PA003675	Dwight Paul Gardner
PA003676	Belinda Bernice Bradley
PA003677	Margaret R Sweeney
PA003678	Paul Anthony Ruffing
PA003679	Cee Cee Anderson
PA003680	Byron Francis Hollingsworth
PA003681	Cheryl Renee Brown
PC000694	Jefferson County Memorial Gardens Inc
PC000695	Sunset Memorial Gardens
PC000697	Lamar Memory Gardens

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License #	Licensee
PC000698	Upton County Memorial Gardens

License #	Licensee
PC000699	Sherwood Memorial Park and Mausoleum

The following application was tabled pending receipt of a new survey and stamp:

PC000696	A. M. G.
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Tim Smith motioned, Mickey Couey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the licenses issued as presented on the report, with the exception of PC000696.

Complaints:

- Following a motion by Dan Greene and a second by Emory Lamar, the Board voted unanimously to close # ENCE-0095 pending confirmation the complainant is satisfied.
- Following a motion by Tim Smith and a second by Micky Couey, the Board voted unanimously to table # ENCE-0118. Refer to investigations for follow up.
- Following a motion by Tim Smith and a second by Emory Lamar, the Board voted unanimously to table # ENCE-0121, pending notification of restitution to complainant.
- Following a motion by Tim Smith and a second by Emory Lamar, the Board voted unanimously to close # ENCE-0124. Complainant satisfied.

Brooke Newby addressed the Board regarding an inquiry from a Realtor who may submit a request to appear before the Board at the June 28, 2016 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mickey Couey motioned, Dan Greene seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to enter in Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h) and 43-8B, to receive information and deliberate on an application and the Attorney General’s report.

Application:

Application # 2613866 - Denied

Attorney General’s Report:

Discussed complaints in open session.

In response to a question regarding the Board’s specific jurisdiction over contract disputes, the Attorney General shared that each case must be reviewed individually to determine whether or not the violation is covered under the law and if the Board has jurisdiction under the Act: 10-14-17.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Chair declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

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Follow up needed:

Cedar Ridge – is this still in the court system?

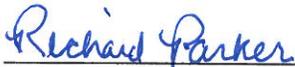
Merchandise inspection and site location fees – can these be charged to a vault vendor?

The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Cemeterians will held Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, the Acting Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: La Trenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director



Richard Parker, Acting Chair
with express permission by
LaTrenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director



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These minutes were approved on: 6/28/2016

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AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specified exemptions relied upon. O.C.G. A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meetings in question.

Comes ~~Cliff Dempsey~~ ^{Richard Parker}, the Chairman identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Cemeterians.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On **April 19, 2016** this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of members present voted to close the meeting or a portion hereof of the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was: O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k).
5. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are as follows:

Applications and other personal information submitted by the applicants; information, Favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant; and Deliberations of the Board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an Investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Richard Parker
PRESIDING OFFICER
with express permission by
La Trena Tyler-Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th
Day of April 2016
Richard Parker
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

