

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service
Minutes

October 11, 2005

Minutes Approved at the November 8, 2005 Meeting

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service held its regular meeting on October 11, 2005 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. Michael Fowler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members present were: Terri Daviston, Thelon Hamby, Draper Watson, Michael Fowler, and David Roach.

Others Present were: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, Jo Ann Lyde, Application Specialist, John Massey, Inspector, and Howard Fields, Inspector.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2005 meeting. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to accept today's October 11, 2005 agenda. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business/Old Business/Correspondence

New Business

The Board discussed proposed amendments to Board rules 250-6-.08 and 250-5-.06. Mr. Roach moved to send proposed rule amendments to the Attorney General's Office for authority and to post notices when authority is given. Mr. Hamby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Edward Gamble requested a waiver to Board Rule 250-4-.06(c), concerning the minimum number of embalmings required to gain approval as an apprenticeship site. Mr. Hamby moved to deny this request, citing that the numbers provided by Mr. Gamble were derived from two different establishment licenses in two different locations. Mr. Daviston, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Continuing Education

Mr. Daviston moved to approve the following continuing education courses. Mr. Hamby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Provider	Course Name	Date	Location	Hrs.
Stericycle	Bloodborne Pathogens and Funeral Home Safety	Recurring	Williamsville, New York	2
National Guardian Life Insurance Company	Funeral Planning and Insurance Workshop	TBD	Madison, WI	4

Clark Grave Vault
Company
Aurora Casket
Company

Protecting Memories Educational Program
and Manufacturing Plant Tour
Marketing Today and Tomorrow Lifetimes

Various Dates
July 21, 2005

Columbus, OH
Augusta, Georgia

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Mr. Daviston moved to table the decision on approving continuing education for Todd W. Van Beck, due to the fact that additional information is needed. Mr. Hamby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Watson moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, investigations, and complaints. Mr. Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried by Mr. Hamby, Mr. Daviston, and Mr. Fowler.

Applications:

Jo Ann Lyde, Application Specialist, presented applications to the Board.

Complaints:

Mr. Hamby, Cognizant Member, presented complaints to the Board.

Investigative Report:

Chuck Miller, Investigator with the Enforcement Section, presented investigative reports to the Board.

Inspector's Report:

Howard Fields, Inspector, presented reports to the Board.

Appointments:

The Board met with applicants for appeal of previous decisions on personal licensure, applicants for new funeral establishment license and for reinstatement of funeral establishment license, and for changes of funeral director in full and continuous charge.

Open Session:

Michael Fowler declared the meeting open.

Mr. Daviston moved to approve the application for apprentice registration for Mr. Jeffrey Proffitt. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson moved to approve the Funeral Director and Embalmer license application for Mr. Darren Brown pending the results of a background check requested by the Board. Mr. Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Daviston moved to approve the application for Funeral Director and Embalmer for Donald Cooper, pending the receipt of a favorable GCIC criminal background check. Mr. Watson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to deny the application for Funeral Director and Embalmer for Jack Masee McKinley. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson moved to deny the application for Funeral Director and Embalmer by Reciprocity for Robert Morgan. Mr. Hamby seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Daviston moved to table the application for Apprenticeship registration pending further information. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Roach moved to table the application for Funeral Director and Embalmer license for pending further information. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Daviston moved to uphold the previous decision of the Board to deny the application for Funeral Director and Embalmer by Reciprocity for Mr. William Speer. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Speer was given direction by the Board to obtain his license by going thru an apprenticeship.

Mr. Hamby moved to uphold the previous decision by the Board to deny the application for apprentice registration for Mr. Robert Ross. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Eddie Pettis appeared before the Board today. He is the supervising embalmer for Mary Hall, apprentice applicant. Mr. Pettis is also a Trade embalmer who currently supervises another apprentice at the same location as Mary Hall. Mr. Daviston moved to deny this application due to the fact that the funeral establishment does not receive enough calls to qualify for two apprentices. Mr. Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Alvin Harris as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Georgia Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 2000 Cobb Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Charles Everette Caldwell as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Metro Crematory, 135 A Senoia Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Edward Jerome Soles as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Lincoln Funeral Home and Chapel, Inc., 2321 Candler Road, Decatur, GA 30032. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Establishment:

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Memorial Cremation, 4501 Wrightsboro Road, Grovetown, GA 30813, as a new Crematory and to approve Donald Marcus Burgess as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reinstatement of Establishment:

Mr. Hamby moved to reinstate the establishment license for Wilkinson County Mortuary, 142 Wriley Road, Irwinton, GA 31402, and to approve Dorsey L. Knight as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Applications:

Mr. Hamby moved to accept the applications presented. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried. All issued licenses are listed as follows:

License Number

FSA0045501
FSA004551
FSA004552
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FSA004556
FSA004557
FSA004558
FSA004559
FSA004560
FSA004561
FSA004562

Name

Eric Lavon Cooley
Heidi Alisha Hall
Shannon N. Deloach
Myron Dion Middleton
Lynn B. Gardner
Latoya Denice Clark
Brian Givens
Jeremy Chad Lunceford
Crystal Leigh Bryan
Micheal Allen Rumph
Rebekah Jo Carlson
Lauren Rachel Smoller
Tamera S. Patterson

License Number

Name

EMB004428	Carl W. Steiger
EMB004429	Michael James
EMB004430	Bryan J. Melton
EMB004431	Ellen Wynn McBrayer

License Number

Name

FD0048396	Carl Steiger
FD004840	Michael James
FD004841	Bryan Melton
FD004842	Ellen McBrayer

Complaints:

FUN060096

Mr. Daviston moved to send this case to investigations. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN060097

Mr. Daviston moved to close this case. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN060098

Mr. Daviston moved to close and send this case to the Insurance Commissioner. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN060099

Mr. Roach moved to send this case to investigations. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN060100

Mr. Watson moved to send this case to inspections. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN060101

Mr. Watson moved to send this case to inspections. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN050062

Mr. Watson moved to close this case. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN050063

Mr. Watson moved to close this case. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Investigative Reports:

Mr. Hamby made a motion to accept the Cease & Desist Orders issued to John Kelly and Alan Leak and request a follow-up in three months to ensure compliance. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Inspector's report:

FUN060094

Mr. Daviston moved to close this case. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.