

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service
Minutes
April 18, 2006

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service held its regular meeting on April 18, 2006 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. Draper Watson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Draper Watson, Chairman, David Roach, Vice-Chairman, Lauren McDonald, Teri Daviston, Nancy Kennedy, and Linda Ware.

Others present were: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, Valencier Brown, Board Secretary, Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General, John Massey, Inspector, and Howard Fields, Inspector.

Mr. Watson recognized newly-appointed board members Linda Ware, licensed member, and Nancy Kennedy, consumer representative. The board members welcomed the new members, and a brief introduction was given regarding the duties of the board members.

The board members discussed items 2 and 3 of the petition filed with the board by the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association. Item 2 regards the amendment of Board Rule 250-6-.06 (1); Item 3 regards amendment to Board Rule 250-5-.09. Reagan Dean, board attorney, advised the board that he has responded to the petition within the mandated timeframe by submitting a written response to the Association attorney, Thomas F. Cuffie.

Mr. Watson advised board members to consider the discussion and be prepared to discuss the issues more in depth at the May meeting.

Executive Session

Mr. McDonald moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and correspondence concerning an application. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried by Mr. Watson, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Ware, and Mr. Roach.

Applications

Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, presented applications to the Board that had been tabled from the April 11 meeting.

Open Session

Mr. Watson declared Open Session.

Mr. McDonald motioned to advise Ryan Shipley the board will consider an application with documentation of the requirements for licensure in North Carolina when he obtained his license.

Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Applications

Mr. McDonald motioned to approve Williams Funeral Home in Barnesville, FEST001604, as an approved apprenticeship site.

Ms. Ware seconded. Motion carried by Mr. Watson and Ms. Kennedy, with Mr. Roach and Mr. Daviston recusing themselves from discussion and abstaining from the vote.

Mr. Roach motioned to request RLS to submit a copy of the Florida law in force at the time that he obtained his license in Florida.

Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. McDonald motioned to advise JJ that he must complete his apprenticeship hours before the Board can consider his application for funeral director and embalmer licenses.

Mr. Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. McDonald motioned to deny the application of Carolyn Anderson for an apprenticeship registration.

Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. McDonald motioned to advise RT that he must submit proof of obtaining ten hours of continuing education in order to complete the renewal of his license, and that these hours cannot be used to renew his license in 2008.

Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. McDonald motioned to request LK to appear before the Board at the May meeting for consideration of her application.

Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ryan Shipley regarding requirements for reciprocity.

Mr. McDonald motioned to send a letter to advise Mr. Shipley that an application for licensure by reciprocity should be accompanied by a copy of the laws in his state of original licensure that were in force at the time he was initially licensed.

Mr. Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. McDonald motioned to advise AT that he must begin his apprenticeship hours over again in order to obtain licensure as an embalmer and funeral director.

Ms. Ware seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. McDonald motioned to request the Enforcement Section to conduct a GCIC background check on WS and require WS to appear before the Board at the May meeting for consideration of his application.

Mr. Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Continuing Education

Mr. Roach motioned to table consideration of requests for approval of continuing education courses until the May meeting.

Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business

Mr. Roach motioned to send a request to Michael Fowler to appear at the May meeting to receive a plaque from the Board in recognition of his service.

Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. McDonald motioned to correspond with the Coroner's Training Council to try to arrange a meeting to discuss items of mutual concern.

Mr. Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

These minutes were signed and approved on May 9, 2006