

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service
Minutes
September 12, 2006

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service held its regular scheduled meeting on September 12, 2006 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA. Draper Watson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Draper Watson, Chairman, David Roach, Vice Chairman, Lauren McDonald, Board Member, Terry Daviston, Board Member, Nancy Kennedy, Board Member, Linda Ware, Board Member, and Thelon Hamby, Cognizant Member.

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, Jo Ann Lyde, Application Specialist, Valencier Brown, Board Secretary, John Massey, Inspector, Howard Fields, Inspector, and Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hamby motioned to approve the August 8, 2006 meeting minutes. Ms. Kennedy seconded. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from Thomas Cuffie & Associates regarding the October public hearing. Mr. Cuffie presented in the letter a compromise amendment from the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association. Mr. Cuffie and several representatives from the association attended the meeting and Mr. Cuffie presented the compromise position of the association.

The Board welcomed Valencier Brown, Board Secretary, back from maternity leave.

Executive Session:

Mr. Hamby made a motion to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and complaints, to hear reports from investigators and inspectors on assignments, and to hear the Attorney General report. Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Applications:

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

Complaints:

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

Inspector Report:

Mr. John Massey and Mr. Howard Fields, inspectors, presented the Inspector's Report to the Board.

Open Session:

Mr. Watson declared Open Session.

Lisa Jefferson appeared before the Board to appeal the Board's decision denying her application for reciprocity with Florida. The Board advised Ms. Jefferson she will need to apply for apprenticeship in Georgia in order to obtain a funeral director and embalmer license in Georgia.

Mr. James Reynolds appeared before the Board to discuss falsification of information on his renewal form for his funeral director and embalmer licenses. Mr. Hamby made a motion to refer the case to the Attorney General to issue a voluntary surrender to Mr. Reynolds for his funeral director and embalmer licenses. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby motioned to approve Timothy Adams as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Crematory of Forsyth in Cumming, GA. Mr. McDonald recused himself from discussion and abstained from the vote in order to represent ownership of the facility. Ms. Kennedy seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby made a motion to approve Jeremy Lunceford as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Carter Funeral Chapel in Glennville, GA. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby motioned to approve Carlos Hemperley, III as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Metro Crematory in Peachtree City, GA. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby motioned to approve Linda Hemperley as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Carmichael-Hemperley Funeral Home in Peachtree City, GA. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby motioned to approve Baxter Bedell as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Pope Dickson & Son Funeral Home in Jonesboro, GA. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. McDonald motioned to approve Edwin Shelton as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Community Funeral Home of Pike in Zebulon, GA. Ms. Ware seconded. Motion carried with Mr. Daviston voting against.

Ms. Berniece Jacobs cancelled her appointment for Eddie Hosely as funeral director in full and continuous charge for Jacobs Funeral Home of Folkston in Folkston, GA.

Mr. Hamby motioned to approve Thomas Poteet & Son Funeral Directors in Augusta GA as a new establishment with Thomas Poteet, Jr. as funeral director in full and continuous charge. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Roach motioned to approve Trev Fuller as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Columbus Cremation Service in Columbus, GA. Ms. Ware seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Hamby recused himself from discussion and abstained from the vote.

Willie T. Edmondson cancelled his appointment to meet with the Board for approval as supervising embalmer for Brandia Copeland and Linette Ward of Roscoe Jenkins Funeral Home in Newnan, GA.

Mr. Hamby motioned to approve Richard Jenkins as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Walton Crematory in Loganville, GA. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby motioned to approve Donald D. Kennedy as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Brannen-Kennedy Funeral Home in Reidsville, GA. Ms. Kennedy seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Roach motioned to approve the name change of Hatcher, Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors to Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors in Augusta, GA. Ms. Ware seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby motioned to deny Eric Glover as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Shepard Funeral Home in Sylvester, GA. Ms. Kennedy seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby motioned to approve the name change of J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home to J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home & Cremation Chapel in Covington, GA. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried with Ms. Ware voting against.

Mr. Hamby motioned to approve Benjamin Friberg as funeral director in full and continuous charge of Heritage Crematory and of Heritage Funeral Home Battlefield Parkway Chapel and Crematory in Ft. Oglethorpe, GA. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Calvin Bentley, Sr. of Bentley Funeral Home in Roberta, GA did not keep his appointment.

Mr. McDonald motioned to approve Cremation Society of the South @ Eagle's Landing in Stockbridge, GA as a new establishment with James Meadows as funeral director in full and continuous charge. Mr. Hamby seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Roach motioned to approve the name change of Lofton McDougald Funeral Home to Bentley-Montford Mortuary in Butler, GA. Ms. Ware seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Inspector Report:

FUN070002

Mr. Hamby motioned to close this case. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

FUN060172

Mr. Hamby motioned to close this case. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Massey reported that Ponders Funeral Home is requesting Board review of their current display of funeral caskets and representations. The establishment has 8 caskets in the funeral home storage room with cutaway displays featured in the display room for customers. Mr. Hamby moved to send a letter to the establishment's FDFCC stating that the current display of funeral caskets and representations is not compliant with Board law and rules. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Investigation Report:

FUN050069

Mr. Hamby motioned to close this case. Ms. Ware seconded. Motion carried.

FUN060150

Mr. Hamby recommended an investigative interview for more information and present this case to the Board in November. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Complaints:

Mr. Hamby made the recommendations to the Board on the following complaints:

FUN060128

Mr. Hamby recommended referring this case to Investigation to investigate funeral home #2 named in the complaint.

FUN070008

Mr. Hamby recommended referring this case to Inspection to issue a Cease and Desist Order and report back to the Board.

FUN070009

Mr. Hamby recommended sending this case to Inspections.

FUN070010

Mr. Hamby recommended referring this case to Inspections to issue a voluntary Cease and Desist Order.

FUN070011

Mr. Hamby recommended sending this case to Inspections.

FUN070012

Mr. Hamby recommended sending this case to Investigations. Ms. Ware seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Kennedy moved to accept the recommendations made by Mr. Hamby on the complaints presented. Ms. Ware seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Applications:

Mr. Hamby moved to approve all applications issued and presented. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried. All issued license are listed as follows:

Apprentice:

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>
Shameka Sharell Reynolds	FSA004678
Kathryn Rose Hucheson	FSA004679
Peggy Cheri Parker	FSA004680
Phyllis Marie Bleckley	FSA004681
Jeffrey Blake Stringer	FSA004682
Carmen Denise Melton	FSA004683
Tiffany Marie Combs	FSA004684
Samitria Beasley Thomas	FSA004685
Robert Jason Jolly, Sr.	FSA004686
Ladonna Ellen Newell Fryar	FSA004687
Ryan Steven Shipley	FSA004688

Embalmer

Jennifer B. Wetherington	EMB004472
Danny Harold Nobles	EMB004475
ZeEsther Michele Bush-Collier	EMB004477
Jesse Tee Jefferson	EMB004478
Hope A. Ellison	EMB004479
LaDonna Nichelle Jones	EMB004480
Jessica Martin	EMB004481

Funeral Director

Jennifer B. Wetherington	FD004883
Danny Harold Nobles	FD004886
ZeEsther Michele Bush-Collier	FD004888
Jesse Tee Jefferson	FD004889
Hope A. Ellison	FD004890
LaDonna Nichelle Jones	FD004891
Jessica Martin	FD004892

Continuing Education:

Mr. Roach made a motion to approve Selected Independent Funeral Home for thirteen credit hours for continuing education. Mr. Hamby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Roach made a motion to approve the renewal of ArcMesa Educators as a continuing education provider. Mr. Hamby seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Mr. Hamby made a motion to send a letter to the Attorney General asking for advice on apparent discrepancy between Rule 250-6-.08 and OCGA § 43-18-71 (a).

Mr. Roach advised the Board concerning a response from RTI Donor Service regarding a North Carolina incident involving another donor service with similar name.

Mr. Roach made a motion to conduct a work session within the next 30 days dealing with rule amendments defining display rooms and casket displays. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried. A date will be finalized for the work session.

Other Business:

Mr. Roach motioned to grant SouthCare Funeral Home a second 90-day grace period. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

These minutes were approved on October 10, 2006