

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service  
Minutes  
December 12, 2006

A meeting of The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on December 12, 2006 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. Draper Watson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting.

Thomas Cuffie, attorney, represented the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association, along with members of the Association. Mr. Cuffie spoke for the Association, along with Greg Levett and Willie Mays, regarding amendments to Rule 250-6-.06 concerning hours of inspection. Larry Whitfield, representing the GA Funeral Directors Association, also made comments in favor of amending the rule to allow a period of one hour to open the establishment for inspection.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Daviston moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, complaints, and investigations, as authorized by OCGA §§ 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). Mr. Hamby seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Ware, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Watson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

**Applications:**

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for licensure:

<u>Name</u>	<u>License</u>
Charles Lewis Baldwin	FSA004710
Stephen Wilson Poteet	FSA004711
Eddie Lee Stroup	FSA004712
Ray Mitchell Wilson	FSA004713
Daniel Robert John Varga	FSA004714

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to uphold the Board's previous decisions to deny the following applications by reciprocity:

Leslie Kyle Card  
Motisola Bowman  
Violeta C. De La Torre  
Ephraim Louis George

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to deny the application of Debra Ann Williams for funeral director and embalmer licenses by reciprocity.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve James K. Chapman's application for funeral director and embalmer by reciprocity.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve Kenneth Wynn, trade embalmer, as an embalming supervisor for Benita Johnson

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application for apprentice registration for Jeffrey Proffitt.

Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to appoint the following as Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Establishment</u>
Eric Glover	FEST000318
Eddie Hosley	FEST001328
Chris Nuzum	CREM000020
John Brantley	FEST000027
Julian Bird Hodges	FEST001401
J.D. Wheeler	FEST001048
John Whitfield	CREM000064

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following new establishments:

The Crematorium at Baldwin Mountain

**Complaints:**

Mr. McDonald moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant Member's recommendations on the following cases:

**FUN070034**

The Board will conduct an Investigative interview with respondent.

**FUN070035**

Refer case to inspector and investigations.

**FUN070030**

Close with no action.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report on the following case and to take the following action:

**FUN070022:**

Accept the Consent Order for lifting the summary suspension, a copy of which was presented by the Attorney General's Office, upon receipt of the original properly signed and notarized by the respondent.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Investigation report on the following case and to take the following action:

**FUN070004:**

Close with letter of concern.

**FUN070036**

Ms. Ware moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to refer the file to the Attorney General's Office to prepare a Consent Order for Licensure. The terms of the Consent Order include Probationary status for 18 months and GCIC reports every 6 months during the probationary period. Those voting in favor of the motion were Ms. Ware, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Kennedy, and Mr. Watson. Those voting against the motion were Mr. Hamby, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Daviston. The motion carried by a majority of the members.

**Continuing Education:**

Mr. Roach moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted on the following Continuing Education Courses:

NFDA	Pandemic Avian Flu: Are You Prepared	2 hours
NFDA	Delivering Excellence in Service to Families, Ideas from Pursuit of Excellence Firms	1 hour
Funeral Review.Com	Learning To Be A Leader	Table until January
The Outlook Group, Inc.	Service That Rocks	Denied

**Old Business:**

The Board voted to discuss Rule 250-6-.06 in the January 8, 2007 work session.

**Adjournment:**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**These minutes were signed and approved on January 9, 2007.**