

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service

Board Meeting

November 12, 2013

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at the Professional Licensing Boards office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA. Presiding Officer Bryant Hightower called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Bryant Hightower, Presiding Officer; Lauren McDonald, David Roach, Nancy Kennedy and Michael Fowler.

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, and Amantha Lovett, Board Support Specialist and Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General, who was present via teleconference.

Executive Session:

Michael Fowler moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, complaints, and investigations, as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). Nancy Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Bryant Hightower, Presiding Officer; Michael Fowler, Nancy Kennedy, David Roach and Lauren McDonald. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Applications:

Michael Fowler moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following application for a change of Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge:

- 1857035 Stokes-Sutherland Funeral Home, Inc.-**Warren Sutherland, III**

David Roach moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following application for a change of Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge:

- 2286624 Wheeler Funeral Home & Crematory - **Christopher Pucko, Jr**

David Roach moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board vote table the following application for licensure as a new Establishment:

- 2092619 P F H

Michael Fowler moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for licensure as a Funeral Director & Embalmer:

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- 2287929 & 2287931 John Douglas Benefield

Lauren McDonald moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following application for licensure as a Funeral Director & Embalmer:

- 1824862/1841035 M A H

Michael Fowler moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following application for licensure as an Embalmer following verification of additional hours submitted:

- 1819122 Claudia Watkins

Nancy Kennedy moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to table the following application for licensure as a Funeral Service Apprentice:

- 2302017 B M S

Lauren McDonald moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following consent orders for reinstatement of establishment licenses:

- 2288360 C W Phelps Funeral Home - **C W Phelps**
- 2281290 Thomas Funeral Home - **Bruce Gregory Thomas, Sr**

Michael Fowler moved, Lauren McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to refer to the Attorney General's Office to reinstate by Consent Order with a \$200 fine on the Funeral Establishment with no probation on Funeral Establishment or Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge:

- 2285215 J M N F H

Lauren McDonald moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Consent Order to reinstate the Funeral Establishment with a \$750 fine on Funeral Establishment & Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge and 24 months of probation on Funeral Establishment or Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge:

- 2284408 Williams Funeral Homes of Barnesville - **Spencer N Williams**

Michael Fowler moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report.

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EMB004857	Thompson, Shamere	Funeral Service
FD005263	Thompson, Shamere	Funeral Service
FEST001866	Breedlove Memorial Chapel Inc	Funeral Service
FSA005566	Miller, Melinda Sue	Funeral Service
FSA005567	Westbrook, Robert Craig	Funeral Service
FSA005568	Mackinen, Chase Michael	Funeral Service
FSA005569	Hammond, Jamir Antorrio	Funeral Service
FSA005570	Newsom, Thomas Jonathan	Funeral Service
FSA005571	Forrester, Wesley Michael	Funeral Service
FSA005572	Lindsey, Bertil Efiok	Funeral Service

Other Business:

Michael Fowler moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following requests for a 90 day grace period:

- FEST001272 Fred Talleys Parkview Chapel Funeral Hm
- FEST001402 Horis A Ward Inc Fairview Chapel
- FEST001772 Lord and Stephens Brown Chapel
- FEST001798 Watkins Funeral Home

Miller & Richards Heritage Chapel: David Roach moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to uphold the entire fine except the \$200 fine for the embalming room.

Collins Funeral Home: David Roach moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to table the request to lift the probationary status.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service's next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.