

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service

Board Meeting

September 9, 2014

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at the Professional Licensing Boards office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA. Chairman Bryant Hightower called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Bryant Hightower, Chairman; Tom Lord, David Roach, Willie Edmondson, Nancy Kennedy, Thelon Hamby and Michael Fowler.

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

Executive Session:

Thelon Hamby 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). Willie Edmondson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Bryant Hightower, Chairman; Thelon Hamby, Tom Lord, David Roach, W.T. Edmondson, Nancy Kennedy and Michael Fowler. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Applications:

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

- 2486537 H M Patterson & Son Canton Hill- **Pichard Kerr Justin Alford**
- 2477933 FairHaven Funeral Home & Cremation Services- **Randall Derrick Jones**
- 2484015 Peachtree Cremation Society- **Jonathan Scott Miller**
- 2491081 Legacy Funeral Home & Life Center Inc.- **Sherman Louis Barno, Jr**

Michael Fowler moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to refer the following application to the Attorney General's Office for Consent Order for approval of Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge, with a fine of \$500 per month from February 2014 to August 2014 for operating without a licensed Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge:

- A C

Michael Fowler moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for new establishment. David Roach recused himself from discussion and abstained from the vote for National Cremation Service:

- 2477933 FairHaven Funeral Home & Cremation Services

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- 2486527 National Cremation Service
- 2484610 Lakeside Funeral Home

Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for Reciprocity of Funeral Director and Embalmers license:

- 2491001 & 2495862 Sheila Brown Posey
- 2319209 & 2319211 Patricia Vitale
- 2438144 & 2438145 Isabelle Dion

Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for Funeral Director and Embalmers license:

- 2491055 & 2491056 Clint Wayne Gilpin

Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for Reinstatement of Funeral Director and Embalmers license:

- 2484586 & 2484589 John A Fitzgerald
- 2481179 & 2481184 Ezra Charles Worthy

Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for Renewal of Funeral Director and Embalmers license:

- 2485199 & 2485203 Simon Lee Byrd

Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to deny the following applications for Reciprocity of Funeral Director and Embalmers license:

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- T C P

Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for an Embalmers license:

- 2486984 Jose Antonio Perez

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Thelon Hamby moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to approve the name change application for the following establishments:

- 2483451 Saxon-Prescott-Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Cremation Service
- 2474177 Stewart-Rosier Funeral Service -Vidalia Chapel

Michael Fowler moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for Funeral Service Apprentice:

- 2485209 Tscharner McGraw
- 2475614 David Jehova Randall
- 2491007 Richard Roland Robinson

Michael Fowler moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to deny the following applications for Funeral Service Apprentice:

- M D S

Michael Fowler moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to table the following applications for Funeral Service Apprentice:

- C C

Tom Lord moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Attorney General on the following case:

Jason Holland	Accept the Consent Order Presented and Issued the licenses.
FUN140112	Amend Consent Order to \$3500 fine from March 2012 to November 2012, minus \$200 renewal fee, for total fine of \$3300, divided between the Funeral Director license and Funeral Establishment license.

Tom Lord moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant's recommendations on the following case:

FUN140108	Request cognizant interview to have Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge
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	explain the line item total credits of \$3745.
FUN130012	Submitted to Attorney General's Office to include in file.

Approval of Minutes:

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Official Minutes from the August 12, 2014 meeting.

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the August 12, 2014 meeting.

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following licenses issued since the August 12, 2014 Board meeting.

License No	Licensee	Profession
CREM000114	Burpee-Scott Memorial Chapel & Crematory	Funeral Service
CREM000115	Pine Ridge Crematory	Funeral Service
EMB004931	Campbell, Donovan Janard	Funeral Service
EMB004932	Teasley, Reno LaRue	Funeral Service
EMB004933	Fisher, Jay Phillip	Funeral Service
EMB004934	Rhodes, Veronica	Funeral Service
FD005335	Campbell, Donovan Janard	Funeral Service
FD005336	Teasley, Reno LaRue	Funeral Service
FD005337	Fisher, Jay Phillip	Funeral Service
FD005338	Rhodes, Veronica	Funeral Service
FEST001899	Burpee-Scott Memorial Chapel & Crematory	Funeral Service
FEST001900	Serenity Funeral Home & Cremation Service LLC	Funeral Service
FSA005709	Smith, Benjamin M	Funeral Service
FSA005710	Sullivan, Pamela Wiggins	Funeral Service
FSA005711	Wilson, Donald Lee, Jr	Funeral Service
FSA005712	Powell, Cheryl Lynn	Funeral Service
FSA005713	Noble, Sonja T	Funeral Service
FSA005714	Ray, Amanda Monshell	Funeral Service
FSA005715	Thompson, Phyllis Howell	Funeral Service
FSA005716	Stewart, James Allen	Funeral Service

David Roach moved, Thelon Hamby seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Continuing Education Committee recommendations on the following continuing education courses:

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Order Of Golden Rule Jessica Smith	Invitational Roundtable	3		
NFDA Kathleen Walczak	Common Sense Embalming Tips & Techniques	2		
	Hospice and Funeral Service: From One Set Of Caring Arms To Another	1		
	Preventing Funeral Home OSHA Violations	2		
	NFDA Expo-Monday-Wednesday	1		
	Radar On-Antenna Up; The Ritz-Carlton Method Of Fulfilling Unexpressed Wishes and Needs	2		
	General Session-Enjoy the Ride	1		
	Helping Families See the True Value of Funeral Service	1		
	Estate Taxes, Probate, and Other Challenges for Family owned Businesses. Here's the Plan!	1		
	Unlock Your Website Potential: Industry Data that Cracks the Code of Marketing Success	1		
	Evaluating Third Party Cremation Providers to Protect Your Firm & Cremation Families	1		

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	Have the Talk Of A Lifetime! Campaign Success Stories One Year Later	1		
	Conversation Café/Best Practice Guidelines for Cooperation Between Tissue Banks and Funeral Homes	1.5		
	Conversation Café/Crematory Fire Hazards and Liability Protection	1.5		
	Transforming Your Business-One Funeral at a Time!	1		
	Choosing Growth Strategies that Work for Your Business	1		
	The Social Tsunami: How to Drink From the Information Fire Hose Using a Straw	1		
	Back to Basics: Best Embalming Techniques and Everyday Practices	4		
	Alternatives to Traditional Embalming for Viewing	1		
	Community Outreach on a Budget	1		
	Transparency and Social Media: Creating an Ethical Edge for Your Firm	1		
	What Big Operators Do Better-and How You Can Level the Playing Field	1		
	Focus on Preneed: Spend Downs, Contracts and Consumer Protection	1		

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	The Removal: Professional Solutions for Challenging Circumstances	1		
	The Dover Mission: Benefits & Entitlements for Families of the Fallen	2		
	Enhancing the Cremation Arrangement Conference to Celebrate a Life Well Lived	2		
	Supporting Children through Their Grief Journey	2		
	Online Engagement: Tech Terms and Tools Made Easy	2		
	Laid Out: The Business Of Funerals	2		
	Stand Out: Differentiate or Disappear	1		
	OSHA Update: Formaldehyde and Haz Com Standards	1		
	Safeguarding Your Business from Cremation Liability	1		
	Breathing Life into Funeral Home Marketing with Facebook, TV, and a Sense of Humor	1		
	Common Sense Embalming Tips & Techniques	1		
	How Green Practices Benefit Your Business	2		

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	Building Your Brand: How to Distinguish Your Funeral Home from the Competition	2		
	Protecting Your Personal Assets and Your Business	2		
	Panel Presentation: The Benefits of Diversity for Your Business	2		
	OPENING SESSION: The Art of Significance: Life Changing Leadership	1		
	Personality and Leadership: Understanding Yourself and Your Employees	1.5		
	Google-licious: More than Just a Search Engine	1		
	Opening a Crematory: What You Need to Know to Do It Right	1		
	Beyond Time Management: How to Get Twice the Work Done in Half the Time!	1		
	Talkin 'bout My Generation": Four Generations in the Funeral Home	1		
	Forensic Anthropology in the Identification of Human Remains	1		
	Getting to the Heart of Customer Satisfaction	1		
	Hot Technologies	1		

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	Sustainable Development	1		
	NFDA Crematory Operator Program Seminar	7		
GFDA Alysia English	The Effective Way to Talk Successfully With Families and Staff—Every Time!	2		
NFDMA Dr. Carol T. Williams	“Crematory Operations Certification Program”	6		
	The General Manager Institute	2		
MKJ Marketing Krystal Casey	Preferred Funeral Directors International Fall 2014 Convention	9		

Other Business:

Michael Fowler moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following requests for a 2nd 90 day grace period:

- FEST000112 Dawson's Mortuary Inc.
- FEST000379 J. W. Williams Funeral Home

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

- FEST001799 Hopkins Mortuary

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Michael Fowler moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to lift the probation status on the following:

- FD002418 Charles Edward Joyce

Work Session: Bryant Hightower discussed holding a work session. The Board agreed to change the meeting in October to October 21 at 10:00 a.m. with a work session on October 20 at 10:00a.m. The board agreed to invite representatives from the associations to participate.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service's next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.