

# Georgia State Board of Funeral Service

## Board Meeting

### December 2, 2014

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the Professional Licensing Boards office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA. Chairman Bryant Hightower called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Bryant Hightower, Chairman; Tom Lord, David Roach, 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:**

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). Thelon Hamby seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Bryant Hightower, Chairman; Thelon Hamby, Tom Lord, David Roach, 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.

#### **Appointments**

Thelon Hamby moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted uphold previous decision to deny the following applications:

- FC
- J A P Jr.

Thelon Hamby moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following application pending receipt of amended applications to reflect the same name for a Funeral Establishment:

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Thelon Hamby moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for a Funeral Establishment:

- 2485206 Whitley-Garner at Rosehaven Funeral Home
- 2496855 Davis & Watkins Professional Funeral Services

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

- 2485206            Whitley-Garner at Rosehaven Funeral Home-Denam Wayne Hess

**Applications:**

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

- 2497343            Ferguson Brothers Funeral Home – **Carolyn Coley Bray**
- 2497231            Neptune Management Corp - **Jeffrey Owen Tatum**
- 2452661            Ivie Funeral Home - Danielsville Chapel Crematory - **Arnold Brown**
- 2488040            Hopkins Mortuary - **Robert William Burns**
- 2438527            Roswell Funeral Home- **Chad Eubanks**

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

- 2500537 & 2500538            Bert Bovard Boldt III

Thelon Hamby moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for Reciprocity of Funeral Director and Embalmers license. Thelon Hamby recused:

- 2495921 & 2495925            Gabriel Shamain Carr

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

- 2503539            Sheila Wilmore Butler

Thelon Hamby moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Attorney General.:

Thelon Hamby moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant’s recommendations on the following case:

FUN150040	Refer to Attorney General’s Office for summary suspension of funeral establishment
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FUN140097	Refer to Enforcement to issue a Cease & Desist to Jeff for Unlicensed Practice. Issue letter of concern to funeral establishment owner.
FUN150046	Ratify Cease & Desist and Close
FUN150013	Request respondent appear for cognizant interview in January and bring all documents related to the case & current GPL & casket price list & itemized funeral bill for this funeral.
FUN150012	Refer to Enforcement to obtain statement from Mr. Brown's wife as to where Mr. Brown was on 01/11/2014. Was he working at Hopkins Mortuary, and did he embalm a body on that date?
FUN140098 FUN140061	Close
FUN140092	Close
FUN140090	Close
FUN140093	Refer to Enforcement to obtain further info. Obtain statement from respondent and Funeral Director Full and Continuous Charge regarding where he deposited funds received from complainant. Request documentation to show that an account existed in her name.
FUN150055	Refer to inspection to re-inspect for compliance with Cease & Desist order.
FUN150044	Refer to Attorney General's Office for revocation of Funeral Establishment
FUN150050	Close
FUN150041	Close. Let complainant know that funeral establishment affiliation to Robert Cowart.
FUN140108	Refer to Attorney General's Office for revocation of funeral establishment license & Funeral Director Full and Continuous Charge license for unlicensed practice by owner.
FUN150007	Refer to Enforcement to contact the local coroner to determine how many outstanding death certificates this establishment has.

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FUN150043	Close with letter to Complainant advising that funeral establishment did not have responsibility for filing. Suggest contacting American Embassy in Jamaica for assistance.
FUN150005	Close
FUN150030	Close
FUN150028	Close

#### Approval of Minutes:

Thelon Hamby moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Official Minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting.

Thelon Hamby moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting.

Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following licenses issued since the October 21, 2014 Board meeting.

License No	Licensee	Profession
CREM000116	Ivie Funeral Home Danielsville Chapel Crematory	Funeral Service
EMB004944	Dion, Isabelle	Funeral Service
EMB004945	Wideman, Kentacia shawntae	Funeral Service
EMB004946	Miller, Eugene, II	Funeral Service
EMB004947	Hines, Mary L	Funeral Service
EMB004948	Mills, Tyice Deshan Leola	Funeral Service
EMB004949	Hall, Richie Jonathan	Funeral Service
EMB004950	McKinney, Cassie Denise	Funeral Service
FD005347	Dion, Isabelle	Funeral Service
FD005348	Wideman, Kentacia shawntae	Funeral Service
FD005349	Miller, Eugene, II	Funeral Service
FD005350	Hines, Mary L	Funeral Service
FD005351	Mills, Tyice Deshan Leola	Funeral Service
FD005352	Hall, Richie Jonathan	Funeral Service
FD005353	McKinney, Cassie Denise	Funeral Service
FSA005739	Melton, Lisa Monique	Funeral Service
FSA005740	Simmons, Brittany Chardee'	Funeral Service
FSA005741	Rhue, Tammy Michelle	Funeral Service
FSA005742	Payne, Nathan Bernard	Funeral Service
FSA005743	Preston, Crystal Monique	Funeral Service
FSA005744	Harris, James Robert	Funeral Service

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FSA005745	McGriff, Justin LeRoyal	Funeral Service
FSA005746	Grumbein, George Leroy, Jr.	Funeral Service
FSA005747	Derloshon, Alecia Rene'	Funeral Service
FSA005748	Roberts, Katia Jaree	Funeral Service
FSA005749	Antoine, Shanna Sherika	Funeral Service
FSA005750	Connell, Casey Cofer	Funeral Service
FSA005751	Mattox, Henry Lowell	Funeral Service
FSA005752	Southerland, Susan Peacock	Funeral Service
FSA005753	Cochran, John William	Funeral Service
FSA005754	Thomas, Leo Lester, III	Funeral Service
FSA005755	Hamby, Jana Katelyn	Funeral Service

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

<b>NFDA Kathleen Walczak</b>	Are You Ready for an Ebola Call? Critical Actions and Key Safety Practices for Funeral Service Professionals	1.5		
	Safeguarding the Funeral Practitioner	2		
	What Every Funeral Home Must Know	3		
	Conflict Management for Funeral Directors: Successful Interpersonal Communication Practices	4		
	Deathcare Marketing: 25 FAQs	6		
	Embalming Perspectives and Paradigms Challenged	6		
	Embalming Risk Management	2		
	Embalming the Obese Case	3		

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	Five Ways to Improve Prep Room Ventilation and Improve Your Health	2		
	Funeral Service Ethics	2		
	Marketing a Funeral Home for Long-Term Profitability	3		
	Offering Funeral Packages in Compliance with the FTC	2		
	Personnel Management in Funeral Service	4		
	Professional Ethics in Funeral Services:NFDA's Code of Professional Conduct	1		
	Serving Hispanic Families	4		
	The Funeral: A Chance to Touch, A Chance to Serve, A Chance to Heal	4		
	Understanding a Child's Grief	3		
	Understanding and Creating Exceptional Funeral Experiences	3		
	Understanding and Managing Grief	6		
	Understanding Preneed	4		

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	Understanding The Practice of the FTC Funeral Rule	3		
	What Matters Most: Heart's Desire in Life and Death	6		
	What To Do When Families Say "No Religion, Please"	2		
	NFDA Certified Crematory Operator Program Seminar	7		
<b>The Dodge Institute for Advanced Mortuary Studies Debbie Dodge</b>	Embalming-The Challenges & The Rewards	9		
<b>Elite CME Inc.</b>	Green Funerals	5		
	Grief and the Role of the Funeral Professionals	5		
<b>GFDA</b>	Roundtable Discussion	2		
	Ethics in Funeral Service	3		
	Tabletop Exhibits	1		

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	The Georgia Funeral Service Ebola Response Team/Plan	1		
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**Other Business:**

Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following requests for a 90 day grace period:

- FEST001902                      Stewart-Rosier Funeral Service-Vidalia Chapel

Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to lift the probation status on the following:

- FEST000194                      R A Ingram Funeral Home & Crematory
- FEST001293                      Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service’s next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.