

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service

Board Meeting

January 13, 2015

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at the Professional Licensing Boards office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA. Presiding Officer David Roach called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: David Roach, Presiding Officer; Tom Lord, 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 David Roach, Presiding Officer; Thelon Hamby, Tom Lord, Willie 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.

Appointments

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

- 2520656 Hart's Mortuary, Jones County Chapel
- 2515570 Hillside Chapel Funeral Home and Cremation Service LLC

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for a name change of the Funeral Establishment:

- 2301815 Smith-Dennis-Smith Funeral Home Chapel and Cremation Services
- 2474173 Stewart-Rosier Funeral Service-Lyons Chapel
- 2474170 Stewart-Rosier Funeral Service-Glenwood Chapel

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

- 2506858 Elliott Parham Mortuary- **Jacinda Baptiste**
- 2507693 Airport Mortuary Shipping Service- **Chad Donaldson**
- 2518328 Alfonso Dawson Mortuary Inc- **Phoebe Dawson Ushery**

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- 2518829 Dawson's Mortuary Inc- **Adrick Ingram**
- 2500823 Wimberly & Jackson Funeral Home Inc-**Simon Byrd**
- 2506825 Central Savannah River Crematory- **Paul Kitchens**
- 2518837 Bridges Funeral Home Inc- **Kevin Garrison**
- 2515570 Hillside Chapel Funeral Home and Cremation Service LLC- **James Watkins**
- 2500834 The Crematorium @ P.C.S- **Bannita Jones**
- 2520656 Hart's Mortuary, Jones County Chapel- **Adrien Page**
- 2518824 Columbus Cremation Service- **John Morris McClurd**
- 2515218 Cremation Society of The South - **Tremaine Lee Jordan**
- 2515219 SouthCare Cremation & Funeral Society- **Tremaine Lee Jordan**

Applications:

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

- 2516249 & 2516250 Roger W Rose
- 2485215 & 2485217 Jennifer Snider

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to refer to Attorney General's Office for Consent Order for licensure with probation for duration of apprenticeship the following applications for Funeral Service Apprentice:

- 2513853 T J E
- 2468632 M D S

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

Christy Stewart Thompson: Presented signed Consent Order for acceptance.

FUN150065: Rescheduled hearing to February 15, 2015 meeting. Respondent attorney requested a Consent Order on Funeral Director license and Funeral Establishment license in lieu of hearing. Thelon Hamby moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to deny request and proceed with hearing. Michael Fowler recused himself from discussion and abstained from the vote.

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

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| FUN150035 | Close |
| FUN150090 | Refer to Attorney General's Office for suspension/revocation |
| FUN130145 FUN150091 | Refer to Attorney General's Office for suspension/revocation |
| FUN150074 | Table and request info from Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge regarding amendment of Death Certificate. |
| FUN150084 | Close |
| FUN150059 | Close; Refer contract GPL to Federal Trade Commission for consideration of appropriate action. |
| FUN150063 | Send letter requesting copy of 2014 business license. Upon receipt, close case. |
| FUN150060 | Close |
| FUN150080 | Close |
| FUN150069 | Close complaint, hold inspection fine for payment. |
| FUN150067 | Close |
| FUN150071 | Close |
| FUN150053 | Close with Letter Of Concern to Funeral Establishment owner to be careful to avoid appearance of solicitation. |
| FUN150076 | Refer complaint to Insurance Commissioner's Office; Refer Funeral Establishment to Attorney General's Office for Summary Suspension. |
| FUN150072 | Close |
| FUN150035 | Accept Cease and Desist |
| FUN150090 | Close |

Approval of Minutes:

Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Official Minutes from the December 2, 2014 meeting.

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Thelon Hamby moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the December 2, 2014 meeting.

Thelon Hamby moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following licenses issued since the December 2, 2014 Board meeting:

| License No | Licensee | Profession |
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| CREM000117 | Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory | Funeral Service |
| CREM000118 | Southern Cremations and Funerals at Cheatham Hill | Funeral Service |
| EMB004951 | Jenkins, Rodriquez A | Funeral Service |
| EMB004952 | Vitale, Patricia E | Funeral Service |
| EMB004953 | Sparrow, Victor Dwayne | Funeral Service |
| EMB004954 | Kalejta, Brittany Rewis | Funeral Service |
| EMB004955 | Cain, Johnnie William | Funeral Service |
| EMB004956 | Johnson, Kyle Matthew | Funeral Service |
| EMB004957 | Rosier, Robert Earl, Jr | Funeral Service |
| EMB004958 | Burnham, Thomas Charles | Funeral Service |
| EMB004959 | Weaver, Larry Donnell | Funeral Service |
| EMB004960 | Carr, Gabriel Shamain | Funeral Service |
| EMB004961 | Hagood, Stacey Andrew | Funeral Service |
| FD005354 | Jenkins, Rodriquez A | Funeral Service |
| FD005355 | Vitale, Patricia E | Funeral Service |
| FD005356 | Sparrow, Victor Dwayne | Funeral Service |
| FD005357 | Kalejta, Brittany Rewis | Funeral Service |
| FD005358 | Cain, Johnnie William | Funeral Service |
| FD005359 | Johnson, Kyle Matthew | Funeral Service |
| FD005360 | Burnham, Thomas Charles | Funeral Service |
| FD005361 | Weaver, Larry Donnell | Funeral Service |
| FD005362 | Carr, Gabriel Shamain | Funeral Service |
| FD005363 | Hagood, Stacey Andrew | Funeral Service |
| FEST001905 | David Towns House of Towns Mortuary | Funeral Service |
| FEST001906 | Southern Cremations and Funerals at Cheatham Hill | Funeral Service |
| FEST001907 | Davis & Watkins Professional Funeral Services | Funeral Service |
| FSA005757 | Butler, Sheila Wilmore | Funeral Service |
| FSA005758 | Harden, Sydonna Lester | Funeral Service |
| FSA005759 | Murray, Daniel Blaine | Funeral Service |
| FSA005760 | Xtutrilla, Mayday, I | Funeral Service |
| FSA005761 | Evans, Austin William | Funeral Service |
| FSA005762 | Childs, Melvin Bruss, Sr | Funeral Service |
| FSA005763 | Hart, Zachary Thomas | Funeral Service |
| FSA005764 | Tripp, Sherri Lynn | Funeral Service |
| FSA005765 | Williams, Tamekia Mary Ann | Funeral Service |
| FSA005766 | Harris, James Logan | Funeral Service |
| FSA005767 | Jones, Rhondolyn Nicole | Funeral Service |

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| FSA005768 | Perez, Jose Antonio, Jr | Funeral Service |
| FSA005769 | Fulghum, Roger Clark | Funeral Service |
| FSA005770 | Hammond, Cachet Nicole | Funeral Service |
| FSA005771 | Francis, Dana Val | Funeral Service |
| FSA005772 | Wilson, David Christopher | Funeral Service |
| FSA005773 | Yearby, Joseph Uran | Funeral Service |

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

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| NFDA Kathleen Walczak | The Removal: Professional Solutions for Challenging Circumstances | 1 | | |
| | Managing change Positively | 1 | | |
| | Remaining Profitable as Cremation Rates Soar | 1 | | |
| | Pricing Is Not about Price: How to Price & Package to Serve Your Families Better | 1.5 | | |
| | Innovative Ways to Connect with Cremation Families | 1.5 | | |
| | Interactive, Moderated Round Table Discussions | 1 | | |
| | Meeting the Cremation and Funeral Needs of the Growing Diverse Population in North American | 1 | | |
| | Hiring for Greatness | 1 | | |
| | Online Engagement: Tech Terms & Tools Made Easy | 1 | | |

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| | Cremation Liability Forum | 1 | | |
| | Safeguarding Your Business from Cremation Liability | 1 | | |
| | 2015 NFDA Home Study Courses | 2-10 | | |
| | Getting to the Heart of Customer Satisfaction | 1.5 | | |
| | Can Your Funeral Home Pass OSHA Scrutiny this Year? 2015 OSHA Update | 1.5 | | |
| | NFDA Certified Crematory Operator Program Seminar January 31, 2015 | 7 | | |
| | NFDA Certified Crematory Operator Program Seminar February 2, 2015 | 7 | | |
| | NFDA Certified Crematory Operator Program Seminar March 6, 2015 | 7 | | |
| | NFDA Certified Crematory Operator Program Seminar Mach 11, 2015 | 7 | | |
| | NFDA Certified Crematory Operator Program Seminar June 15, 2015 | 7 | | |
| | NFDA Certified Crematory Operator Program Seminar June 17, 2015 | 7 | | |
| | Making Aftercare Work for You: Strategic Steps to a More Successful Program | 1 | | |

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| | Customization: Unlimited Choices for Families | 1 | | |
| | Beyond the Basics of Facebook Advertising- All You Need to Know to Reach Your Families | 1 | | |
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| The Dodge Institute for Advanced Mortuary Studies Debbie Dodge | Embalming-The Challenges & The Rewards | 9 | | |
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| Selected Independent Funeral Homes Amy Hunt | Selected Independent Funeral Homes 2015 Spring Management Summit | 7.5 | | |
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| International Order Of the Golden Rule Jessica Smith | Making Aftercare Work for You: Strategic Steps to a More Successful Program | 1.0 | | |
| | Customization: Unlimited Choices for Families | 1.0 | | |
| | Beyond the Basics of Facebook Advertising- All You Need to Know to Reach Your Families | 1.0 | | |
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| Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity Inc. Shun Newbern, MS | Embalming Opportunities: Transforming the Worst into the Best | 1 | | |

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| | Evolving Funeral Service: The Nontraditional Service/Tributes/Gatherings | 1 | | |
| | Your Service/ Your Brand | 1 | | |
| | The Embalmer as a Preceptor Instructor for Students of Mortuary Science | 1 | | |

Other Business:

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

- FEST001487 Angel Heights Funeral Service
- FEST001752 Vincent R Drummer Funeral Home Inc

Thelon Hamby presented proposed rule amendments from the Rules Committee for Rules 250-5-.04, 250-6-.01, 250-7-.04, 250-4-.02, 250-3-.02, 250-6-.09, 250-6-.06, and 250-6-.10. The members will review the proposals for discussion at February meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service’s next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.