

**State Board of Cemeterians  
Minutes  
October 23, 2007**

A meeting of the State Board of Cemeterians was held on Tuesday October 23, 2007, at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. SE, Room 1410-12 West Tower, Atlanta, Ga. 30334.

Debra Ferguson, Cemeteries Director called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

**A quorum was established with members present:**

- William (Micky) Couey
- Daniel (Dan) Greene
- Emory Lamar
- Mike Lawrence
- Richard Parker
- Tim Smith

**Staff Present:**

- Debra Ferguson, Cemeteries Director, Securities and Business Regulation Division
- Roy White, Registration Supervisor, Securities and Business Regulation Division
- Melissa Marlowe, Senior Investigator, Securities and Business Regulation Division
- Whitney Halterman, Press Office, Office of Secretary of State
- Hazel Greer, Senior Investigator, Securities and Business Regulation Division
- Lori Young, Investigative Analyst, Securities and Business Regulation Division
- Sharon Russ, Case Manager/Legal Secretary, Securities and Business Regulation Division
- Becky Wallace, Senior Examiner, Securities and Business Regulation Division
- Sandy Irving, Board Secretary, Securities and Business Regulation Division

**Others Present:**

- Jeff Stump, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
- Katherine Ruiz, Paralegal, Attorney General's Office

In absence of President Clift Dempsey, the board members discussed electing an acting president for today's meeting.

Mr. Couey moved Mr. Greene seconded and the motion was passed to elect Richard Parker as acting President for today's meeting.

The board then discussed the need for a Vice President to preside in the absence of the President in future meeting.

Mr. Lamar moved, Mr. Greene seconded and the motion was passed to elect Richard Parker as Vice President.

Mr. Couey moved, Mr. Lamar seconded and the minutes of September 25, 2007 meeting were approved.

**Enforcement Cases Presented by: Debra Ferguson, Cemeteries Director**

**ENCM-00249** Hillandale Memorial Park- unregistered preneed sales agent. The preneed sales agent submitted a registration application in 2005. The Secretary of State did not receive such application. The preneed sales agent became registered June 22, 2007.

Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Lawrence seconded and the motion was passed that this case be closed.

**ENCM-00129** Crest Lawn Memorial Park- an administrative order was entered against the cemetery on 1-16-2007. The cemetery is still in violation of such order. Also, the cemetery's registration expired August 1, 2007. Ms. Ferguson requested that this case be referred to the Attorney General's office for further action. Mr. Stump, Assistant Attorney General suggested that the board adopt, as a board order, the administrative order which was entered into on January 16, 2007.

Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Greene seconded and the motion was passed to adopt the order.

Mr. Couey moved, Mr. Lamar seconded and the motion was passed to refer the case to the Attorney General's office.

**Enforcement Cases Closed since last board meeting: by Debra Ferguson Cemeteries Director**

**EMCM-00251** Palms Memorial Gardens- Maintenance complaint- Issues resolved;  
Closed October 19, 2007

**ENCM-00269** Rolling Hills Memory Gardens- Maintenance complaint- Issues resolved;  
Closed October 19, 2007

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A written report on pending registration issues was given to each board member. (Report Attached)

Other Business:

The board discussed whether or not there was a need to hold monthly meetings. Mr. Parker suggested the board meet quarterly. Ms. Ferguson informed the board that telephonic or emergency meetings could be conducted as needed.

Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Lawrence seconded and a motion was passed to cancel the scheduled meeting for November 27, 2007, and to meet December 11, 2007.

Mr. Couey moved, Mr. Parker seconded and a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.