

State Board of Cemeterians  
Minutes  
February 24, 2009

A meeting of the State Board of Cemeterians was held on Tuesday February 24, 2009 at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. SE. 1816A West Tower, Atlanta, Ga. 30334.

Meeting was called to order by President Richard Parker at 10: 01.

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

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

**Absent:**

- Clift Dempsey

**Staff Present:**

- Bob Terry, Division Director, Securities and Business Regulation
- Debra Ferguson, Cemeteries Director, Securities and Business Regulation
- Roy White, Registration Supervisor, Securities and Business Regulation
- Lori Young, Investigator Analyst, Securities and Business Regulation
- Becky Wallace, Senior Examiner, Securities and Business Regulation
- Sandy Irving, Board Secretary, Securities and Business Regulation

**Other Present:**

- Jeff Stump, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
- Katherine Ruiz, Paralegal, Attorney General's Office
- Mike Helmase, Lincoln Cemetery & GCA
- Ronald F. Hale, Green Acres Cemetery
- Gary Dozier, Dozier Memorials
- David Upshaw, Elite Burial Vault
- John R. Hasty, SCI

**Public Comments:**

1. Mike Helmase, Lincoln Cemetery & GCA, addressed the board concerning support of Senate Bill 82.
2. Ronald Hale, Green Acres Cemetery, addressed the board concerning third party vender dealers ignoring rules of his cemetery, and concern of Dozier Memorials using Green Acres Cemetery's name on brochures.

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3. David Upshaw of Elite Burial Vaults, addressed the board concerning rule 509-3-5-02.
4. John Hasty stated he was at the meeting to address any questions or issues the Board may have regarding the sale of Pinecrest Cemetery.
5. Gary Dozier of Dozier Memorials addressed the board concerning his pending complaint which he filed against Green Acres Cemetery.

Mr. Lamar moved, Mr. Greene seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009 meeting.

### **Enforcement Cases Presented of Closing; by Debra Ferguson, Cemeteries Director**

- Floral Hills Memory Gardens (Tucker, GA) CO-1006
- Griffin Memorial Park (Griffin, GA) CO-1067
- Barton Funeral Home/East View Cemetery (Adairsville, GA) ENCM-00108

Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Couey seconded and the Board voted to close the above enforcement cases.

### **Formal Orders of Investigation presented; by Bob Terry, Division Director**

Westview Cemetery (Atlanta) CO-950- Mr. Smith moved Mr. Greene seconded and the Board voted to open a Formal Order of Investigation.

Green Acres Cemetery (Columbus) CO-1011- Mr. Lamar moved Mr. Smith seconded and the Board voted to open a Formal Order of Investigation.

Whitfield Memorial Gardens (Dalton) CO-1040- Mr. Lawrence moved Mr. Greene seconded and the Board voted to open a Formal Order of Investigation.

Jeff Stump, Assistant Attorney General, addressed the Board with an update on Cedar Ridge Cemetery. Mr. Stump met with Mr. Bridges and Mr. Bridges assured Mr. Stump that the required registration documents would be provided to the Secretary of State's Office. However, as of the date of this board meeting, the Secretary of State's Office had not received required documents.

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**Report of Pending Registration Issues: by Debra Ferguson, Cemeteries Director**

Resthaven Gardens of Memory- Dekalb: This matter is in litigation between owners of the Cemetery (No action by the Board)

Pinecrest Memory Gardens- Moultrie, Georgia: Mr. Couey moved Mr. Lawrence seconded and the board approved the change of ownership contingent upon completion of financials.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Bob Terry, Division Director, addressed the board concerning future meetings and budget issues. The Board decided to schedule meetings every other month with the next meeting scheduled for April 28, 2009.

Mr. Couey moved, Mr. Lawrence seconded and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:28.

**Minutes approved by the Board at its April 28, 2009 Board Meeting.**