

**Georgia State Board of Cemeterians**  
**Board Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.**  
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State  
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

**Members Present:**

- Clift Dempsey, Chair, (via teleconference)
- Richard Parker (via teleconference)
- William (Micky) Couey
- Emory Lamar
- Tim Smith (via teleconference)
- Mike Lawrence (via teleconference)

**Others Present:**

- La Trena Tyler-Jones, Executive Director
- Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist
- Carla Murray, Licensing Analyst
- Amantha Lovett, Complaints and Compliance
- Forrest Pearce, Assistant Attorney General (via teleconference)

**Member Absent:**

- Dan Greene

**Note: Visitors are excused during Executive Session unless scheduled for a personal appearance.**

**OPEN SESSION:**

Clift Dempsey, Chair, noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., and declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§50-14-1 et seq.

**Agenda:**

The Board reviewed the Agenda for the April 18, 2017 meeting. Richard Parker moved, Tim Smith seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**Minutes:**

Richard Parker moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 28, 2017 Open Session minutes and Executive Session minutes.

**Licenses Issued Report:**

The Board reviewed the following Report of Licenses Issued 03-22-2017 thru 04-06-2017 (Total – 9)

License #	Licensee
MD000234	For Infinity
PA003769	Marvin Gregory Goodman
PA003770	Mark William Leffler
PA003771	Benetta E Russell
PA003772	Paul Brent Nadeau

License #	Licensee
PA003773	Senetra Rhodes Knight
PA003774	Angela Starr Bolmon
PA003775	Kathleen R Alfonzo
PA003776	Traci Jacobs Tucker

Tim Smith moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve ratification of licenses issued between meetings in accordance with Board rules and policies.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Tim Smith moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Georgia State Board of Cemeterians voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 10:07 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h) and 43-38 to discuss and review an application and complaint cases.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Chair declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq., at 11:34 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

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**OPEN SESSION:**

**Applications:**

Application # 2666016 – J.G.W. – Richard Parker moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to deny licensure based on falsification of the application.

**Complaints:**

Richard Parker moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

ENCE-0154 – Inspectors to meet with licensee to review what improvements have been made - tabled.

ENCE-0165 – confirm issue has been resolved, then close.

ENCE-0159 – if favorable inspection report is returned, close; otherwise bring back to the Board.

ENCE-0170 – no jurisdiction - close.

ENCE-0171 – no jurisdiction - close.

ENCE-0168 – Richard Parker contacted licensee and determined complaint is a contractual issue; no jurisdiction – close.

**Attorney General's Report:**

Forrest Pearce discussed the ongoing situation reported under ENCE-0030, 81, 82, 83, and 84.

Recommended researching local Funeral Homes that may be interested in purchasing the cemetery and that the Board consider a reduction in the fine that may be issued. The Board will take the Attorney General's recommendations into consideration.

**Other Business:**

Forrest Pearce and La Trenda Tyler-Jones will draft rule for O.C.G.A. 43-1-34 and present at next meeting.

There being no further business, Clift Dempsey, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: La Trenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director

Minutes were approved on: June 20, 2017



Clift Dempsey, Chair



La Trenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director

**with express permission by**  
**LaTrenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director**

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AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specified exemptions relied upon. O.C.G. A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meetings in question.

Comes Clift Dempsey, the Chairman identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Cemeterians.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On **April 18, 2017** this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of members present voted to close the meeting or a portion hereof of the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was: O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k).
5. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are as follows:

Applications and other personal information submitted by the applicants; information, Favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant; and Deliberations of the Board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an Investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Clift Dempsey  
PRESIDING OFFICER

with express permission by  
LaTrenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th  
Day of April, 2017.  
Jenny H. Chapman  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 11/5/17

