

Georgia State Board of Cemeterians
Board Meeting Minutes – Teleconference - August 15, 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
- Richard Parker – Vice Chair
- William (Micky) Couey
- Emory Lamar
- Tim Smith

Others Present:

- La Trenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director
- Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist
- Carla Murray, Licensing Analyst
- Amantha Lovett, Complaints
- Forrest Pearce, Assistant Attorney General

Member Absent:

- Mike Lawrence
- 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 10:02 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 August 15, 2017 meeting. Richard Parker moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda.

Minutes:

Micky Couey moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 20, 2017 Open Session minutes and Executive Session minutes. Mr. Parker abstained as he was not present for the meeting.

Licenses Issued Report:

The Board reviewed the following Report of Licenses Issued 06-16-2017 thru 08-08-2017 (Total – 17):

License #	Licenses
PA003801	Judson Terry Bentley
PA003802	Terrell Mitchell
PA003803	Janet M Marlowe
PA003804	Scott Mattox Page
PA003805	Silvia Pintka
PA003806	John Thomas Holton, Jr.
PA003807	William Matthew Reid
PA003808	Ellaway D Amiker, III
PA003809	Mandy Lynn Ray

License #	Licensee
PA003810	Cody Jefferson Crowell
PA003811	Shannon Leonard McGehee
PA003812	Thomas G Corn
PA003813	Michael Alan Bass
PA003814	Catherine B Taylor
PA003815	Katrina Exley Laygo
PA003816	Elizabeth Ann Holder
PA003817	Christopher R Sebby

Richard Parker moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the Board voted ratify the licenses issued between meetings in accordance with Board rules and policies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Tim Smith moved, Micky Couey seconded and the Georgia State Board of Cemeterians voted to enter into Executive Session on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 10:08 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h), and 43-38 to review and discuss applications and complaints and to hear the Attorney General’s report.

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At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Acting 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 12:04 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION:

Tim Smith moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to act on applications and complaints as follows:

Applications:

Application #2666016 – Jeffrey Garland Walls - approved.

Application #2678878 – R.J. – Denied based on criminal history of a felony.

Application #2685040 - James Richard Nelson, Jr. - approved.

Complaints:

ENCE-0161 - Micky Couey moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to close the complaint and refer to the Funeral Board – no jurisdiction.

ENCE-0172 – Tim Smith moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to table the complaint – refer to Inspections to obtain photos.

ENCE-0173 - Tim Smith moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to table the complaint – refer to Investigations for additional information.

ENCE-0174 - Tim Smith moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to table the complaint – refer to Investigations for additional information.

ENCE-0175 – Micky Couey moved, Tim Smith seconded, and the Board voted to table the complaint – refer to Investigations to obtain a statement.

ENCE-0176 – Micky Couey moved, Tim Smith seconded, and the Board voted to table the complaint – refer to Investigations for additional information.

ENCE-0178 - Tim Smith moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to table the complaint – refer to Inspections to obtain photos.

ENCE-0179 – Micky Couey moved, Tim Smith seconded, and the Board voted to close the complaint – no violations found.

ENCE-0129 – Tim Smith moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to close the complaint – no violations found.

ENCE-0180 – Emory Lamar moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the Board voted to table the complaint - refer to Investigations for a statement. Tim Smith recused.

ENCE-0181 – Tim Smith moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the Board voted to refer table the complaint – refer to Investigations for a statement. Clift Dempsey recused.

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ENCE-0183 - Tim Smith moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to table the complaint for further review. Forrest Pearce will review for jurisdiction.

ENCE-0184 – Tim Smith moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the Board voted to table the complaint - refer to Investigations for additional information.

ENCE-0154 – Tim Smith moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the Board voted to table the complaint - refer to Inspections for additional information.

Attorney General’s Report:

Forrest Pearce advised the Board that the offer from Pinelawn Cemetery is acceptable – Josh Waters handling.

Other Business:

Tim Smith moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to change the October 17, 2017 meeting start time from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

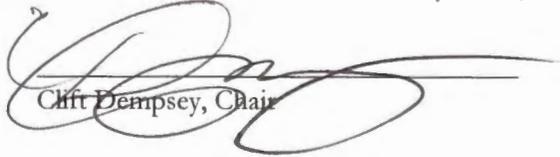
Micky Couey moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to approve the 2018 meeting dates and times:

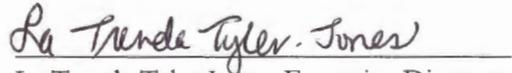
Schedule
February 20, 2018 (Teleconference) – 10:00 A.M.
April 17, 2018 (Board Office) – 11:00 A.M.
June 19, 2018 (Teleconference) – 10:00 A.M.
August 21, 2018 (Teleconference) – 10:00 A.M.
October 16, 2018 (Board Office) – 11:00 A.M.
December 18, 2018 (Teleconference) – 10:00 A.M.

The Georgia State Board Cemeterians will hold their next meeting on October 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. via teleconference.

There being no further business, Clift Dempsey, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: La Trenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director
Minutes were approved on: 10/17/2017


Clift Dempsey, Chair


La Trenda 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 presiding officer 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 **August 15, 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 15th
Day of AUGUST, 2017.
Deborah A. Horton

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: JAN. 18, 2021

