

Georgia State Board of Cemeterians
Board Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.
Via Teleconference
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
- Mike Lawrence

Others Present:

- Laurie Elander, Licensing Supervisor
- Carla Murray, Licensing Analyst
- Melanie Foster, Board Support Specialist
- Forrest Pearce, Assistant Attorney General
- Macy McCarty, Managing Attorney - Secretary of State

Members Absent:

- Dan Greene

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

Clift Dempsey, Chair, noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 10:03 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.

OPEN SESSION:

Agenda:

Tim Smith moved, Mike Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 21, 2018 agenda.

Minutes:

Richard Parker moved, Micky Couey seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 19, 2018 Open Session and Executive Session minutes and the July 6, 2018 Open Session Minutes.

Licenses Issued Report:

Richard Parker moved, Mike Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued 07-05-2018 through 08-16-2018 (Total – 26) in accordance with Board rules and policies.

License #	Licensee
PA003922	Julius Kyle Ponder
PA003923	Achele Theresa Price
PA003924	Ashleigh Jean Coffee
PA003925	Brathwaite Demond Daniel
PA003926	Chad William Ruddle
PA003927	Anthony S Lowe
PA003928	Lamara Terrell Cato
PA003929	Aminatou Sunitha Samuel
PA003930	Heather Shea Hibbard
PA003931	Yakema Tenille-Hicks Williams

License #	Licensee
PA003932	Jenna Marie Joseph
PA003933	Baylee Kelley
PA003934	Carey Andrew Kellum
PA003935	Karion M Smith
PA003936	Daniel Perry Baldwin
PA003937	Malik Romal Brown
PA003938	Thomas Burton
PA003939	James Benjamin Richmond
PA003940	James Cordell
PA003941	Lizanne Burgess Bates

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PA003942	Linda Ann Cherry
PA003943	Dan R Killough
PA003944	Crystal Leighann Blackmon

License #	Licensee
PA003945	Monica Allene Sanders
PA003946	Candise Joelle Mathis
PA003947	Monique Simone Murray

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Lawrence moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the Georgia State Board of Cemeterians voted to enter into Executive Session on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 10:07 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h), and 43-8B, for the purpose of reviewing complaint cases, and to hear the Attorney General’s report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Clift Dempsey, 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 11:12 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION:

Micky Couey moved, Emory Lamar seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to ratify the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

Applications:

No applications were presented.

Complaints:

- ENCE-0224 - close – Board has no jurisdiction. Tim Smith recused.
- ENCE-0145 - table – Refer to Investigations to obtain respondent’s up-to-date contact information.
- ENCE-0226 - table – Refer to Inspections to obtain copy of rules and regulations, and to obtain statement from cemetery owner.
- ENCE-0212 - table – refer to Investigations to obtain statement from cemetery owner.
- ENCE-0209 - table – refer to Investigations to obtain statement from cemetery owner.
- ENCE-0225 - table - Refer to Inspections to reach out to facility for statement. Board requests that this be done via telephone.
- ENCE-0123 - close – No violation found.
- ENCE-0227 - table – Refer to Inspections to obtain records.
- ENCE-0228 - table – Refer to Inspections to obtain photos.
- ENCE-0223 - table – Refer to Investigations to obtain statement from complainant and cemetery owner.

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Attorney General's Report:

Discussed ongoing complaints ENCE-0081, ENCE-0082, ENCE-0083, and ENCE-0084.

Other Business:

None.

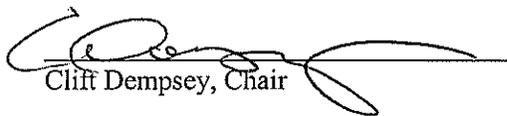
There being no further business, Richard Parker moved, Tim Smith seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn at 11:19 a.m.

The Georgia State Board Cemeterians will hold their next meeting on October 16, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Board Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

Minutes recorded by: Melanie Foster, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes were approved on: 10/16/18


Cliff Dempsey, Chair


Brad Coman, 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 Cliff 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 **August 21, 2018** 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.

Cliff Dempsey
 PRESIDING OFFICER
 with express permission by
 Brad Coman, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st
 Day of August, 2018.
Jenny H Chapman
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: 11/5/21

