

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service Minutes
August 14, 2007

A meeting of The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on August 14, 2007 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. Draper Watson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Draper Watson, Chairman, Thelon Hamby, Linda Ware, Nancy Kennedy, Lauren McDonald and Terry Daviston.

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, JoAnn Lyde, Application Specialist, Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General, Howard Fields, Inspector, John Massey, Inspector, and Laurie Elander, Board Secretary.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board approved the minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Dean presented a written memo of advice on process of reinstating a lapsed Funeral Director's license for a licensee who only possessed a Funeral Director's license due to a prior law. Mr. Dean explained that his interpretation of the law provides the Board discretion to reinstate the lapsed "grandfathered" Funeral Director's license without requiring the applicant to obtain an Embalmer's license. His conclusion was that the Board should consider his advice and the advice presented by a previous Attorney General and consistently apply its discretion in further applications for reinstatement. Mr. Hamby recommended that the members review this advice in detail and be prepared to discuss the issue at the September meeting.

Funeral Laws & Rules Exam Proposed Schedule for 2008:

Mr. Lindsey presented the proposed schedule for 2008. The Board had no objection to the dates.

FUNERAL LAWS & RULES – COMPUTER BASED TESTING

<u>EXAMINATION DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EST. APPLICANTS</u>
2/20/08	MACON	20
4/16/08	MACON	20
6/4/08	MACON	20
8/20/08	MACON	20
10/15/08	MACON	20
12/3/08	MACON	20

Mr. Watson notified the Board that the October meeting conflicts with an association meeting.

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Executive Session:

Mr. Hamby moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, complaints, and investigations, as authorized by OCGA §§ 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Daviston, and Mr. Watson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Tracy Dean Cason was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. McDonald moved, Mr. Hamby seconded, and the Board voted to approve-pending a passing score of the State Law & Rules Exam for SBT.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to accept the \$800.00 fine money, and lift suspension under Consent Orders for Powell Funeral Home and A. (Candy) Powell.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for Funeral Establishment License for Perry Brothers Funeral Home in Waycross, GA.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to approve Eric Antonio Brown as the Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge of Perry Brothers Funeral Home in Waycross, GA.

Mr. McDonald moved, Mr. Hamby seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for Funeral Establishment License for Vincent R. Drummer Funeral Home in Vidalia, GA.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to approve Robert Andra Jenkins as the Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge of Vincent R. Drummer Funeral Home in Vidalia, GA.

Dana Watkins was unable to attend the meeting.

FEST000882: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the request for the 1st 90-day grace period to replace the Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge of Hall & Hall Funeral Directors, Inc. in Albany, GA.

FEST001326: Harrington Funeral Home in Lakeland, GA was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to issue a Cease and Desist Order for HFH.

FEST001046: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to approve the request for the 2nd 90-day grace period to replace the Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge of Sunset Funeral Home in Kingsland, GA.

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Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to approve the applications for Funeral Establishment License for Elliott Sons Funeral Home and Crematory License for Elliott Sons Crematory in Martinez, GA with Nicholas F. Latargia as Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge.

CREM000061: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve Glenn Williams Telfer as Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge of Cremation Society of the South @ Eagles Landing in Stockbridge, GA.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for Funeral Establishment License for Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home in Covington, GA with Lewis J. Caldwell as Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for Crematory License for Dogwood Hill Crematory with Rickey Blackburn as Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge.

FEST000448: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve James R. Albritton as Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge of Albritton-Beaumont Funeral Directors, Inc. in Tifton, GA.

Mr. Daviston moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for change of Name from Sidney A. Jones Funeral Home to Sidney A. Jones and Campbell Funeral Services in Savannah, GA.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for change of name from Peebles-Curry-Durden Mortuary to Durden-Hudson funeral Directors, Inc. in Swainsboro, GA.

Applications:

Mr. McDonald moved, Mr. Hamby seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued since the April 10, 2007 meeting for funeral directors, embalmers, and apprentices. Applications issued and ratified by the Board were:

License Number	Name	License Type
EMB004525	Smoller, Lauren Rachel	Embalmer
EMB004526	Hood, Benjamin Thomas	Embalmer
EMB004527	Bailey, Robert Zachery	Embalmer
EMB004528	Givens, Brian K	Embalmer
FD004935	Smoller, Lauren Rachel	Funeral Director
FD004936	Hood, Benjamin Thomas	Funeral Director
FD004937	Bailey, Robert Zachery	Funeral Director
FD004938	Givens, Brian K	Funeral Director
FSA004784	Shelley, Clay Byron	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004785	Quiles, Latoya Monte	Funeral Service Apprentice

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FSA004786	Starling, Mark H	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004787	Johnson, James Harvey	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004788	Foster, Karen Irvin	Funeral Service Apprentice
FEST001671	William T Ford Mortuary	Funeral Establishment
FEST001672	J Collins Funeral Home & Cremation Service	Funeral Establishment

Mr. McDonald moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to deny the application for apprentice submitted by David Campbell.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for Funeral Director and Embalmer by reciprocity from California submitted by Reginald Boyd.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve-pending for WHF.

Ms. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to refer to inspections for AG.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for Funeral Director and Embalmer by reciprocity from South Carolina submitted by Thomas Griffin.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to deny the application for reinstatement of apprentice license submitted by Gerald Bruce Greene.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mrs. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to table the application for apprentice submitted by GKH.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for Funeral Director and Embalmer's License submitted by Jason Johnson.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to accept hours for apprentice license submitted by Travis Kessler.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for apprentice license and accept information submitted by Debra A. Lankenau.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to accept apprentice hours submitted by Toombs McLendon.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the 10 hours of Continuing Education submitted by Bryant Melton.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to approve-pending passing the State Laws and Rules Exam, the application for Funeral Director and Embalmer's License submitted by SBT.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to license by consent order the application for reinstatement of Funeral Director and Embalmer's license submitted by CMT.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to approve-pending the application for Funeral Director and Embalmer by reciprocity submitted by GRW.

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Inspection report:

FUN060100: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to table and refer to inspections.

FUN070015: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to refer back to inspections for further review.

FUN0070068: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to table and refer to inspections.

FUN080005: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to close with no action.

Enforcement:

FUN070083: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to close the case with a letter of concern. Mr. Watson recused himself from discussion and abstained from the vote.

Complaints:

FUN070091: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to close the case with no action.

FUN080003: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to refer to Inspections.

FUN080011: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to refer to Inspections and Investigations.

FUN080019: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to refer to Investigations.

FUN080020: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to refer to the State Environmental Protection Agency.

FUN080021: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to refer to Inspections and Investigations.

FUN080023: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to refer to Inspections and Investigations.

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Continuing Education:

Mr. Daviston moved, Mr. Hamby seconded, and the Board voted as follows on the continuing education courses presented:

Program Provider/Sponser	Course Title	HRS Requested	Board Decision
National Funeral Directors Association	Homestudy-FTC Compliance: Handling the General Price List	4	Approved
International Order of the Golden Rule	Funeral Service Update/Current Issues	1	Approved
International Order of the Golden Rule	Cremation Options	1	Approved
International Order of the Golden Rule	OGR Resources that Boost Business and Make Your Life Easier	1	Approved
International Order of the Golden Rule	Guidelines for OSHA Annual Staff Training	1	Approved
International Order of the Golden Rule	Annual FTC Review	1	Approved
International Order of the Golden Rule	Decision-makers in the Arrangements Conference: Who has the right of way?	1	Approved
The York Group	Fresh Look at the Future	8	Approved
National Funeral Directors Association	Dover Air Force Base: Military Benefits/Entitlements and Mass Fatalities-William Zwicharowski	2	Approved
National Funeral Directors Association	NFDA Annual Convention	75.5	Approved
Matthews Cremation	Crematory Investment 101	1.5	Approved
Matthews Cremation	Mastering Cremation Marketing and Merchandising	1.5	Approved
Matthews Cremation	The Power of Fresh Flowers	1	Denied
Matthews Cremation	Pet Loss Memorial Services	1	Denied

Other Business:

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to refer MFH to the Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to issue cease and desist orders on those establishments identified as lapsed.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the September 11, 2007 meeting.