

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service Minutes
May 13, 2008

A meeting of The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on May 13, 2008 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. David Roach, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director; Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General; JoAnn Lyde, Application Specialist; Laurie Elander, Board Secretary; and Melinda D. Flewellyn, Certified Court Reporter with Claude Joiner Reporting Service, Inc..

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board approved the minutes of the April 15, 2008 meeting.

A Public Hearing was held for the purpose of rendering decisions on licensed establishments that have unpaid inspection citations issued by the Board.

Mr. McDonald moved, Mr. Watson seconded, and the Board voted to issue Final Decisions on each of the following cases:

- Angel Heights Funeral Service, Hawkinsville: \$500.00 cited on August 2, 2007 for funeral establishment not open for inspection after several attempts.
- Bentley & Sons Funeral Home, Jeffersonville: \$100.00 cited on January 29, 2007 for failure to have one operable hearse or combination hearse/ambulance.
- Taylor Family funeral Service, Tifton: \$1,350.00 for ten separate citations issued on December 19, 2007. The Funeral Establishment was cited \$50.00 for failure to have all outside ventilation openings screened, \$200.00 for failure to provide ventilation, \$200.00 for failure to maintain establishment in clean, sound, safe and acceptable repair condition, \$400.00 (\$100.00 per casket short) for failure to have eight adult caskets in display room, \$200.00 for failure to provide that each casket meets pricing information requirements, \$100.00 for failure to have one operable hearse or combination hearse/ambulance, and \$200.00 for failure to provide a written statement of costs of goods and services.

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). Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Mr. Hamby, Mr. Roach, Ms. Ware, Mr. McDonald, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Watson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

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FEST001533: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Watson seconded, and the Board made the decision to approve Vincent Allen Kuklinski, Jr. as Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge of Lee's Funeral Home located in Decatur, GA.

FEST000833: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Watson seconded, and the Board made the decision to approve Roger Thomas Queen as Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge of Arthur Bowick, Inc. Funeral Directors located in Monroe, GA.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board made the decision to approve the application for change of name of the establishment from Arthur Bowick, Inc. Funeral Directors to Tim Stewart Funeral Home, Inc. located in Monroe, GA.

FEST001370: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Watson seconded, and the Board made the decision to approve Bernard Slaughter as Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge of Knox Funeral Home located in Atlanta, GA.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Watson seconded, and the Board made the decision to approve the application for a new crematory establishment for Platinum Cremation Center, LLC located in Augusta, GA with Charles Anthony Spradley as the Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge.

FEST001344: Mr. McDonald moved, Mr. Watson seconded, and the Board made the decision to approve the application for change of name of the establishment from Grissom-Eastlake Funeral Home to Grissom-Clark Funeral Home located in Atlanta, GA.

FEST001344: Mr. Watson moved, Mr. Hamby seconded, and the Board made the decision to approve the application for change of name of the establishment from Davis-Struempf Funeral Home to Davis-Struempf Funeral Home and Crematory located in Austell, GA.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Watson seconded, and the Board made the decision to approve the application for a new crematory establishment for Davis-Struempf Funeral Home and Crematory located in Austell, GA with James B. Davis as the Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge.

Applications:

Mr. McDonald moved, Mr. Watson seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued since the April 15, 2008 meeting for funeral directors, embalmers, and apprentices. Mr. Hamby abstained from the vote on Theodore Benjamin Price. Applications issued and ratified by the Board were:

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| License Number | Name | License Type |
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| EMB004575 | Way, John Samuel | Embalmer |
| EMB004579 | Combs, Tiffany Marie | Embalmer |
| EMB004580 | Jackson, Shellie Joy'el | Embalmer |
| EMB004581 | Anglon, Billy Joe | Embalmer |
| EMB004582 | Price, Benjamin Theodore | Embalmer |
| FD004985 | Way, John Samuel | Funeral Director |
| FD004989 | Combs, Tiffany Marie | Funeral Director |
| FD004990 | Jackson, Shellie Joy'el | Funeral Director |
| FD004991 | Anglon, Billy Joe | Funeral Director |
| FD004992 | Price, Benjamin Theodore | Funeral Director |
| FSA004889 | Hunter, Timothy Lawrence | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004890 | Kilpatrick, Randall Brady | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004891 | Maynard, David Wayne | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004892 | Weatherspoon, Kerey Elijah | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004893 | Goddard, John Edward | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004894 | Cobb, Gayla King | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004895 | Cobb-Robinson, Ellen Dean | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004896 | Robinson, Jamie Allen | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004897 | Drummer, Vincent Regis | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004898 | Weeks, James Mathew, Jr | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004899 | Watkins, Claudia Lee | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004900 | Nixon, James Anderson | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004901 | Salmon, Raymond Sherold, III | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004902 | Adams, Willinda Angionette | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004903 | Pittman, Brent Lamar | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004904 | Gay, Thomas Allen | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004905 | Noles, Michael Lenear | Funeral Service Apprentice |
| FSA004906 | Petitt, David Harmon | Funeral Service Apprentice |

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board made the decision to deny the application by reciprocity for funeral director and embalmer's license submitted by Ellis L. McAninch, Jr.

Ms. Kennedy moved, Mr. Watson seconded, and the Board made the decision to approve the application for reinstatement of embalmer's and funeral director's licenses submitted by DM pending receipt of requested information. Mr. Hamby recused himself from discussion and abstained from voting.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Watson seconded, and the Board made the decision to approve the application by reciprocity for funeral director and embalmer's license submitted by MW pending passage of the Laws & Rules Exam.

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Complaints:

Mr. McDonald moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded and the Board made the decision to forward the following cases to the Attorney General's Office:

- FUN080086
- FUN080098
- FUN080101
- FUN080107

Mr. McDonald moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded and the Board made the decision to close the following cases with no further action:

- FUN050056
- FUN080008
- FUN080105
- FUN080106
- FUN080027

FUN080099: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded and the Board made the decision to close this case with a letter of concern.

FUN080087: Mr. McDonald moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded and the Board made the decision to table.

FUN080114: Mr. McDonald moved, Mr. Watson seconded and the Board made the decision to forward this case to Legal Services.

FUN080115: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded and the Board made the decision to forward this case to the Attorney General's Office and Legal Services.

FUN080116: Mr. McDonald moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded and the Board made the decision to forward this case to Legal Services and Enforcement.

Board Orders:

The Board approved the following orders to accept fine monies for inspection violations and settling cases:

- King and Sons Funeral Home, Glennville: Inspection citation fine of \$50.00 issued April 8, 2008 for failure to provide all outside ventilation openings screened.
- Samuels Memorial Funeral Home, Gray: Inspection citation fine of \$200.00 issued March 4, 2008 for failure to provide instruments and tables sanitary and clean.

The Board accepted a Voluntary Cease and Desist Order for unlicensed practice for the following:

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- J W Jones Funeral Home, Columbus

The Board also accepted a Final Decision Order on the following:

- Jason A. Holland, McDonough: The order revokes the Funeral Director's license no. FD003943 and Embalmer's license no. EMB003536 on the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge effective April 28, 2008.

Continuing Education:

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

| Program Provider/Sponsor | Course Title | Hours | Board Vote |
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| Georgia Funeral Service Practitioner's Association | Safety and Health | 10 | Approved |
| Elite CME, Inc. | 10 Hour Continuing Education Course for Funeral Directors/Embalmers | 10 | Tabled |
| Georgia Funeral Service Practitioner's Association | Annual Convention | 12 | Approved |
| | LifeLink and the Funeral Director | 1 | Approved |
| | Mortuary Students and Members Panel Discussion - Professionalism in the Industry | 1 | Approved |
| | Strategic Planning and Leadership Development for Funeral Directors | 1.5 | Approved |
| | Due Diligence when Utilizing Third Party Cremations | 1 | Approved |
| | Becoming A Healthy Funeral Director | 2 | Approved |
| | Grief & Loss: A Mortician's Perspective | 1 | Approved |
| | What to expect from a State Inspection | 1 | Approved |
| | Legislative Update and State Sales Tax | 1.5 | Approved |
| | Forms to use for Efficiency at the Funeral Home | 1 | Approved |
| | The Funeral Director and Stress | 1 | Approved |

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| Master Grave Service, Inc. | Burial vaults MFg. - Cremation - Metal Vaults Personalization - Preneed | 10 | Approved |
| Matthews International Cremation Division | Transformations 2008 (Crematory Investment 101-1.5 hr, Mastering Cremation Merchandising & Marketing - 1.5 hr, The Integration of Pet Loss Memorial Services-1 hr) | 4 | Tabled |
| All Star Professional Training, Inc. | | | |
| | Module 1-Chemistry Topics | 1 | Tabled |
| | Module 2-Embalming Topics | 1 | Tabled |
| | Module 3-Thanatology | 1 | Tabled |
| | Module 4-Alternative Funeral Services | 1 | Tabled |
| | Module 5-Ecological Funerals | 1 | Tabled |
| | Module 6-Funeral Customs | 1 | Tabled |
| | Module 7-Business Ethics | 1 | Tabled |
| | Module 8-General Ethics | 1 | Tabled |
| | Module 9-Clinical Depression | 1 | Tabled |
| | Module 10-Cremation | 1 | Tabled |

Other Business:

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted to accept the change of ownership of the following funeral homes now owned by Keystone America, Inc:

- FEST000737: Ronnie L. Stewart Family Funeral Service, Vidalia, GA
- FEST001052: Ronnie L. Stewart Family Funeral Service, Glenwood, GA
- FEST001250 / CREM000058: Fairhaven Funeral Home and Crematory, Garden City, GA
- FEST001212: Jones-Stewart Funeral Home, Lyons, GA
- FEST000027: Adams Funeral Home, Dublin, GA

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, and the Board voted approve the request for a 1st 90-day grace period submitted by Kimbrell-Stern Inc. (FEST000216) located in Albany, GA.

The Board voted to table decision on the request submitted by MFS.

The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Michael Smith in reference to Ogeechee Technical College.

The Board also reviewed a letter submitted by the American Board of Funeral Service Education.

The Board voted to change the June, 2008 meeting to June 17, 2008.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Minutes approved at the June 17, 2008 meeting.