

# Georgia State Board of Funeral Service

## Board Meeting

### August 10, 2010

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on August 10, 2010 at the Professional Licensing Boards office in Macon, GA. Chairman, Lauren McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director; Melanie Brown, Board Support Specialist; and Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General.

Nancy Kennedy moved, Linda Ware seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2010 meeting.

David Roach moved, Linda Ware seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following licenses issued since the July 13, 2010 meeting:

1.	EMB004688	Davis, Darien Bryan	Embalmer	Sumter	SC
2.	EMB004689	Lawrence, Nicole Yvette	Embalmer	Marietta	GA
3.	EMB004690	Evans, Kevin Miles	Embalmer	Decatur	GA
4.	EMB004691	Mack, Kendrick Koron	Embalmer	Montrose	GA
5.	FD005099	Lawrence, Nicole Yvette	Funeral Director	Marietta	GA
6.	FD005100	Evans, Kevin Miles	Funeral Director	decatur	GA
7.	FD005101	Mack, Kendrick Koron	Funeral Director	Montrose	GA
8.	FEST001766	Dahlonga Funeral Home	Funeral Establishment	Dahlonga	GA
9.	FEST001767	Community Mortuary LLC	Funeral Establishment	Moultrie	GA
10.	FSA005148	Yarroll, Craig Robert	Funeral Service Apprentice	Decatur	GA
11.	FSA005149	Rehberg, Christopher Michael	Funeral Service Apprentice	Fayetteville	GA

Thelon Hamby moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, complaints, and investigations, as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). Linda Ware seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Lauren McDonald, Chairman; Terry Davistion, Vice Chair; Draper Watson, Linda Ware, Nancy Kennedy, David Roach and Thelon Hamby. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

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Thelon Hamby moved, Linda Ware seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations made in Executive Session on the following appointments:

10:15 a.m.	1224560	Appeal Denial	V R G	Approve pending clear GCIC
10:15 a.m.		Discussion of Apprenticeship Program	Earnie Poynter SCI - Services Corporation International	Board heard request, however proposal would violate current laws pertaining to an apprenticeship program
10:30 a.m.	1241098	Supervising Trade Embalmer	Trade Embalmer: Irvin Trice Apprentice: Robert Thompson	Approve
10:30 a.m.	1224477 1224485	Change of Name Change FDFCC	Sherrell Funeral Home	Approve
10:45 a.m.	1242341	New Establishment	Fairhaven Funeral Home Hubert C Baker Chapel FDFCC: Jason McCullough	Approve with correction to facility name
10:45 a.m.	1244275	Change in FDFCC	Davis Funeral Home FDFCC: James Gatlin	Approve
11:00 a.m.	1247229	Change in FDFCC	Hughes & Turner Funeral Home FDFCC: Dexter Smith	Approve
11:00 a.m.	1247233	Change in FDFCC	Cox-Ware Funeral Home FDFCC: David Cook	Approve
11:15 a.m.	1248980	Change in Ownership Change of Name Change in FDFCC	D L Tuggle Funeral Home & Cremation Service FDFCC: Phyllis Elaine Merkersen	Approve
11:15 a.m.	1230030	New Crematory	Meadows Funeral Home, Inc.	Approve

Thelon Hamby moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations made in Executive Session on the following applications:

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| 1. | Payne, Nathan Bernard   | 1238579            | Funeral Service Apprentice   | Albany, GA    | Deny    |
| 2. | C E S                   | 1237605<br>1237608 | Embalmer<br>Funeral Director | Lithonia, GA  | Tabled  |
| 3. | Searles, Taylor Antwain | 1237467<br>1237470 | Embalmer<br>Funeral Director | Greenwood, SC | Approve |

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Thelon Hamby moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to accept the report of pending cases presented by the Attorney General.

Thelon Hamby moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board accepted a public consent order from the following licensee:

- Donald Trimble Mortuary, Inc. Atlanta, GA

The consent order provides for a \$1000 fine, 24 months probation and a restriction from training new funeral service apprentice during the 24 month probationary period.

Thelon Hamby moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to accept recommendations made in Executive Session on the following complaint and compliance issues:

- FUN100126 Close after verifying that cremation did indeed take place, and receipt of disposition permit.
- FUN100127 Refer to Attorney General for Voluntary Surrender
- FUN100128 Close
- FUN100137 Close
- FUN110001 Refer to investigations to contact Yellowpages directory to determine person responsible for placing the ad for J F H on Bullsboro Dr. in Newnan, then contact that person to determine reason ad was placed and issue a cease and desist.  
  
Send letter of concern to C C and R A I stating that since they are advertising the crematory to the public they must have a separate Funeral Director in Full Continuous Charge.
- FUN090082 Close  
with a letter of concern stating that all families should receive a copy of the itemized contract at the time of arrangements and that signatures are required on all Federal Trade Commission documents and/or forms
- FUN090120 Tabled
- FUN100082 Close

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- FUN100101 Tabled
- FUN100103 Request an investigative interview with the current FDFCC to verify the role of the individual in question.
- FUN100105 Close  
we no longer have jurisdiction over a closed funeral establishment. Other matters in the case seem to be unsubstantiated other than late filing of death certificate which has now been filed.
- FUN100121 Close

Linda Ware moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation made in Executive Session on the following complaint, Thelon Hamby recused himself:

- FUN100124 Request statements from C H as well as T J and D M and request an interview with all parties. Of the three parties listed, obtain any statement not currently in possession.  
Please have investigations obtain any and all missing statements.

Thelon Hamby moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following order to accept fine money for inspection violations:

- Simpson and Daughters Mortuary, Inc. Douglasville, GA Failure to maintain a minimum of 8 adult caskets within the display room on the premises of the establishment. \$400

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Thelon Hamby moved, Terry Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following recommendations for continuing education course approval requests.

Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title	HRS Requested	HRS Approved	DENIED *include reason
FuneralReview.com 2201 Dr. M L King Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33704 727-822-4700 727-821-4160 <a href="mailto:funeralreview@gmail.com">funeralreview@gmail.com</a>	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Funeral Service Business Forum	13	13	
Independent Funeral Directors of Georgia Christie Carpenter, Account Manager P.O. Box 1248 Dallas, GA 30132 770-445-3180	2010 Annual Conference	9	7	Board felt that the elder care was not substantially relevant to the profession
International Cemetery and Funeral Association Daniel Osorio 107 Carpenter Drive Suite 100 Sterling, VA 20164 <a href="mailto:Danielo@iccfa.com">Danielo@iccfa.com</a>	Fall Management Conference	9	9	
MKJ Marketing 1501 Belcher Road South Building B Largo, FL 888-655-1566 727-524-8200 fax <a href="mailto:cheuer@mkjmarketing.com">cheuer@mkjmarketing.com</a>	PFDI Fall 2010 Convention	9	9	
NFDA Kathleen Walczak 13625 Bishop's Drive Brookfield, WI 3005-6607 800-228-6332 262-789-6977 fax	Certified Preplanning Consultant – Fastrac II (short course: 1.5 Day Seminar)8	8	8	Already approved – provider notified
	How to Adopt Environmentally Friendly Funeral Business Practices	2	2	
	Offering Funeral Packages in Compliance with the FTC	2	2	
	What To Do When Families Say “No Religion Please”	2	2	
Robin Heppell, CFSP, OF FuneralDirectorCEU's.com (formerly FuneralGurus.com) Box 8723 Victoria, BC V8W 3S3 Canada	Understanding Google: The External & Internal Effects On Your Funeral Home	3	3	
	Social Media and Funeral Service: Making Sense of	3	3	

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Thelon Hamby moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following request for a grace period to replace the facilities' Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge:

- Wingfield Funeral Home      Cedartown, GA

Thelon Hamby moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following request retain apprentice hours earned under license number FSA004537.

- Jeremy Parish      Funeral Service Apprentice      Austell, GA

Thelon Hamby moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to deny the following open records request from Michael G. Horner, Esq. with Reynolds, Horne & Survant Attorney at Law, Macon, GA; for documents other than the public documents already provided by the board office.

The next meeting of the Board will be September 14, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the September 14, 2010 board meeting.