

# Georgia State Board of Funeral Service

## Board Meeting

### February 10, 2015

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at the Professional Licensing Boards office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA. Presiding Officer David Roach called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Bryant Hightower, Chairman; Tom Lord, Willie Edmondson, Nancy Kennedy, Thelon Hamby, Tom Lord, David Roach and Michael Fowler.

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

#### **Executive Session:**

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). Nancy Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Bryant Hightower, Chairman; Thelon Hamby, Tom Lord, Willie Edmondson, Nancy Kennedy, David Roach and Michael Fowler. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

#### **Appointments**

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for a Funeral Establishment:

- 2500517 Forest Lawn Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens
- 2526473 Peachtree Corners Johns Creek Crematory

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to table the following applications for a Funeral Establishment:

- L & D F H C

Thelon Hamby moved Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for a change of Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge:

- 2522708 Wilson Funeral Home Lafayette Chapel - **David Wilson**
- 2522712 Wilson Funeral Home J. Avery Bryan Chapel- **Denny Pace**
- 2500517 Forest Lawn Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens- **Rochelle Bard-Holts**
- 2526473 Peachtree Corners Johns Creek Crematory-**Kenny Jacobs**
- 2527801 Watkins Funeral Home-McDonough Chapel- **Emanuel Longino Jr**

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Thelon Hamby moved Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for a change of Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge: Tom Lord abstained from voting.

- 2522722 Lord & Stephens Funeral Home Madison Chapel – Ronald Rogers Jr.

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to deny the following applications for a change of Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge:

- E M F H

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to refer to Attorney General's Office for Consent Order to lift summary suspension with 2 years' probation on the Funeral Establish with a \$5000 fine. The Board agreed to payment arrangements of \$500 a month for 10 months within 30 days after signing of consent order for the following applications for a change of Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge:

- G M M

#### Applications:

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to table the following applications for a Funeral Establishment:

- H F H Inc

Thelon Hamby moved Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for a name change of the Funeral Establishment: David Roach recused from discussion and abstained from voting.

- 2524136 Fletcher-Day Funeral Home, Inc

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for a name change of the Funeral Establishment:

- 2527276 Croft Funeral Home and Cremation Service

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications to take the exam for Funeral Director and Embalmers license:

- 2477953 & 2477954 Youlander March Garner

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Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to table the following application for Funeral Service Apprentice:

- A N G

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following application for Funeral Director and Embalmer:

- 2521415 & 2521414 Douglas Richard Ballard Sr.

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following application for reinstatement as an Embalmer:

- 2522255 Carolyn Loretta Kelson

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following application for Reciprocity as an Embalmer:

- Calvin Lee Cherry

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Attorney General.:

- Tony James Entrekin: Presented signed Consent Order for acceptance.

#### **Public Hearings:**

A public hearing was held by the Georgia Board of Funeral Service on December 10, 2013, on February 10, 2015, , to consider whether disciplinary actions should be taken against Ward and Sammie Lee Ward. The hearings were held at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA. The Board chairman, Bryant Hightower, called the hearings to order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum of the Board was established with members Thelon Hamby, Bryant Hightower, Tom Lord, Willie Edmondson, Nancy Kennedy and David Roach.

#### **Executive Session:**

Willie Edmondson moved to enter back into Executive Session to discuss the information that was presented during the hearing. Thelon Hamby seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Bryant Hightower, Chairman; David Roach, Willie Edmondson, Nancy Kennedy, and Tom Lord. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to continue with the hearing in public session

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At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board rendered that a decision will be made within 30 days.

#### **Executive Session:**

Thelon Hamby moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on complaints, as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). Willie Edmondson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Bryant Hightower, Chairman; Thelon Hamby, Tom Lord, Willie Edmondson, Nancy Kennedy, and David Roach. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant's recommendations on the following case:

FUN150051	Close
FUN150045	Close
FUN150004	Close
FUN150076	Close

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Thelon Hamby moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Official Minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting.

Thelon Hamby moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting.

Thelon Hamby moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following licenses issued since the January 13, 2015 Board meeting:

License No	Licensee	Profession
EMB004962	Snider, Jennifer Nichole	Funeral Service
EMB004963	McDonald, Claire Hailey	Funeral Service
EMB004964	Mapp, Joy Latrice	Funeral Service
EMB004965	May, Valdoreas Respress	Funeral Service
EMB004966	Morris, Eddie Tyler	Funeral Service
EMB004967	Swords, Donald Joseph	Funeral Service
EMB004968	Ledbetter, Matthew Allen	Funeral Service
EMB004969	Reynolds, Stacey Bernard	Funeral Service
EMB004970	Birdsong, James Michale	Funeral Service
EMB004971	Young, Christopher Lamar	Funeral Service

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FD005364	Snider, Jennifer Nichole	Funeral Service
FD005365	McDonald, Claire Hailey	Funeral Service
FD005366	Mapp, Joy Latrice	Funeral Service
FD005367	May, Valdoreas Respress	Funeral Service
FD005368	Morris, Eddie Tyler	Funeral Service
FD005369	Ledbetter, Matthew Allen	Funeral Service
FD005370	Birdsong, James Michale	Funeral Service
FD005371	Young, Christopher Lamar	Funeral Service
FEST001908	Smith-Dennis-Smith Funeral Home , Chapel and Cremation Services	Funeral Service
FEST001909	Hillside Chapel Funeral Home and Cremation Service LLC	Funeral Service
FEST001910	Stewart-Rosier Funeral Service-Lyons Chapel	Funeral Service
FEST001911	Stewart-Rosier Funeral Service-Glenwood Chapel	Funeral Service
FEST001912	Hart's Mortuary, Jones County Chapel	Funeral Service
FSA005775	Ivey, Brian Ronald	Funeral Service
FSA005776	Ellis, William Marcene, II	Funeral Service
FSA005777	Coicou, Fabio	Funeral Service
FSA005778	Burkes, Christopher DeJuanta	Funeral Service
FSA005779	Edwards, Julius Leonard	Funeral Service
FSA005780	Turner, Jonathan David	Funeral Service
FSA005781	Zimmerman, Lauren Ashley	Funeral Service
FSA005782	Gibson, Jacob Thomas	Funeral Service
FSA005783	Sutton, Milton	Funeral Service
FSA005784	Glover, Valerie Peterson	Funeral Service
FSA005785	Akins, Corsie V	Funeral Service
FSA005786	Kennedy, Anthony Bernard	Funeral Service

David Roach moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Continuing Education Committee recommendations on the following continuing education courses:

<b>Independent Funeral Directors Of Georgia Inc. Christie Carpenter</b>	2015 One Day Training	5
<b>National Funeral Directors &amp; Morticians Dr. Carol T. Williams</b>	Leadership: What Type Of Leader Are You?	1

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	Professionalism: Are you prepared to be recruited?	1
	On The Banks of the River: Lunch & Learn	2
	Leadership: Are You Ready?	1
	OSHA & FTC: Get The Facts	2
	Organ & Tissue Donations: How Does It Affect Your Embalmer?	1
	A Symposium: Embalming the Organ & Tissue Donor Case	2
<b>MKJ Marketing Krystal Casey</b>	International Deathcare Import-Export Summit	7
	Strategies for a Declining Industry	9
<b>NFDA Kathleen Walczak</b>	Diversity Awareness: Exploring The Positive Nature Of Workplace Diversity	1
	Effective Community Outreach On A Budget	1

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	Mass Fatality in a High Threat Environment	1
	How We Help Veterans	1
	Mass Fatality Panel	1
	NFDA Certified Crematory Operator Program 03/19/15	7
	NFDA Certified Crematory Operator Program 04/24/15	7
	NFDA Certified Crematory Operator Program 04/29/15	7
	Meeting the Mentors	8.5
	NFDA CPC Correspondence Program	15
<b>International Cemetery and Funeral Association Daniel Osorio</b>	2015 ICCFA Annual Convention and Exposition	16.5
<b>The Dodge Institute of Advanced Mortuary Sally Belanger</b>	The Dodge Technical Seminar-Cincinnati-2015	9

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#### **Other Business:**

Thelon Hamby moved, Willie Edmondson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following requests for a 90 day grace period:

- FEST001724                      D.T. Brown Memorial, LLC
- FEST001818                      Dalton Funeral Home
- FEST000162                      Hamilton – Burch Funeral Home

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service's next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.