

The Office of Secretary of State
Securities, Charities and Cemeteries Division
Georgia State Board of Cemeterians
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.

Attendance

	Pres.	Absent
BOARD MEMBERS		
Parker, Richard (Chair)	X	
Anderson, Mark	X	
Butts, Cassius	X	
Couey, William "Mickey"	X	
Dempsey, Cliff	X	
Lawrence, Mike	K	
Lord, Tom	X	
NON-BOARD MEMBERS		
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE		
Zaharis, Noula (Cemeteries Division Director)	X	
Jarrett, Charlie (Division Senior Enforcement Attorney)	X	
Vretakis, Nicholas (Division Enforcement Attorney)	X	
Yoo, April (Division Enforcement Attorney)	X	
Mckeel, Lynn (Division Enforcement Attorney)	X	
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL		
Walsh, Dan (Senior Assistant Attorney General)		X
Stump, Jeff (Senior Assistant Attorney General)		X
Tio, Cathelynn (Assistant Attorney General)	X	
Parker, Cheryl (Paralegal, Attorney General's Office)	X	

Approval of the Agenda:

Chairman Richard Parker presided and called the meeting to order. Mark Anderson moved, Cassius Butts seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 18, 2021 agenda.

Presentation from Better Place Forests

Representatives from Black Place Forests made a presentation to discuss their business model. Attending and presenting were Nandi Chhabra (VP Legal & Public Affairs) and Evan Taranta (Public Affairs Manager), and their legal counsel Anthony A. DeLuca of Dinur and DeLuca, LLP located in Atlanta, GA. The Board and the Black Place Forests reps engaged in a question and answer period.

Minutes:

Cliff Dempsey moved, Cassius Butts seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 18, 2021 Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

Executive Session:

Cassius Butts moved, seconded by Cliff Dempsey to move the meeting into Executive Session. The Board voted to enter the Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(h), and 43-8B, for the purpose of discussing complaint cases and to hear the Attorney General's report.

Mike Lawrence moved, seconded by Mickey Couey, to approve recommendations made in executive session. Motion approved.

Other Business:

1. No Action Request – Black Pace Forests

Discussion was held in Executive Session.

2. No Action Request – Cedar Ridge

Receiver requested No Action regarding registration because matter is in receivership. The Board recommended granting.

3. No Action Request – Serenity Gardens

Attorney Jarrett reported that in response to No Action Request and discussion at previous board meeting, the Division sent out a deficiency letter requesting more information. Still waiting on response.

Adjournment:

Cliff Dempsey moved, seconded by Cassius Butts, to adjourn meeting. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes recorded by: Noula Zaharis, Division Director Minutes reviewed and edited by: Noula Zaharis, Division Director
Minutes were approved on: Oct. 19, 2021

Richard Parker, Chairman

Noula Zaharis, Division Director

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