

**GEORGIA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE**  
**Board Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2017**  
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State  
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

**Members Present:**

- Bryant Hightower, Chair
- Tom Lord, Vice-Chair
- W. T. Edmondson
- Joe Westbury
- Michael Fowler
- Nancy Kennedy

**Others Present:**

- La Trenda Tyler-Jones, Executive Director
- Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist
- Carla Murray, Licensing Analyst
- Amantha Lovett, Complaints & Compliance
- Reagan Dean, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Members Absent:**

- William Bowen

*Note: Visitors are excused during Executive Session unless scheduled for a personal appearance.*

**Call to Order:** Bryant Hightower, Chair, noted that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§50-14-1 et seq.

**OPEN SESSION:**

**Agenda:**

Tom Lord moved, Joe Westbury seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 14, 2017 agenda.

**Minutes:**

Michael Fowler moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 10, 2017 Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

**Ratification List:**

Licenses Issued 01-07-2017 through 02-10-2017 (Total – 31):

License #	Licensee
EMB005100	John Correy Wilson Daly, V
EMB005101	Eric J Pinney
EMB005102	Melvin Bruss Childs, Sr
EMB005103	Spencer Cody Wood
EMB005104	Mohammed Asghar Hussain
FD005499	Rochelle Smith Brighthop
FD005500	Eric J Pinney
FD005501	Melvin Bruss Childs, Sr
FD005502	John Correy Wilson Daly, V
FD005503	Eric Quinn Gonzales
FD005504	Spencer Cody Wood
FD005505	Mohammed Asghar Hussain
FEST001972	Georgia Cremation-Columbus
FSA006085	Veneka Tomaro Williams
FSA006086	O'Neal McRunells, Jr.
FSA006087	Anita Doreen Birthwright

License #	Licensee
FSA006088	Ashley Duriel Arnold
FSA006089	John Thomas Hanley, III
FSA006090	Jessica Kaylyn Sanders
FSA006091	April Hair Cross
FSA006092	Aaron Kyle Hamm
FSA006093	Dorinda Akins Cobb
FSA006094	Nathan Corey Womack
FSA006095	Spencer Samuel Wilson
FSA006096	Alan Lee Leonard
FSA006097	Phylcia Natasha Benton
FSA006098	Clyde Anderson Tallent
FSA006099	Martavius Shaquille Marcus
FSA006100	John Patrick Maulden, Jr.
FSA006101	Matthew Marion Williams
FSA006102	Dale Francis Johnson

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Joe Westbury moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the licenses issued between meetings by application and reinstatement in accordance with Board Rules and Policies.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Michael Fowler moved, Joe Westbury seconded, and the motion carried to enter into Executive Session at 10:03 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h) and 43-18, on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217, for the purpose of conducting applicant appointments, discussing and reviewing applications, and complaint cases.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was closed by Bryant Hightower, Chair, at 12:30 p.m., who then declared the meeting back in public session. No votes were taken in Executive session.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Joe Westbury moved, W T Edmondson seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to ratify the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

**Appointments:**

Appearance # 2648233 – Crest Lawn Funeral Home – change FDFCC to Maddox Page – did not appear; Notice in The Telegraph Newspaper stating the funeral home is closing\*.

Appearance # 2649564 – Mack & Payne Funeral Home – change FDFCC to Spencer Strong – approve upon receipt of withdrawal letter from previous FDFCC.

Appearance # 2654895 – Cagle Funeral Home – change FDFCC to Johnny Ray Strickland - approve upon receipt of withdrawal letter from previous FDFCC.

Appearance # 2655755 - Banks Funeral Home – change FDFCC to Billy Joe Anglon - requested appointment be rescheduled to the March meeting - tabled.

Appearance # 2656072 – Mosby-Litman Funeral Home – change FDFCC to Marion Stevens – approved.

Appearance # 2656955 - Hart's Mortuary – Jones County Chapel – change FDFCC to Richard Roland Robinson – approved.

Appearance # 2657508 – South Georgia Crematory LLC – change FDFCC to John Ragan Lawson - approve upon receipt of withdrawal letter from previous FDFCC.

Appearance # 2657510 Adams Funeral Home - change FDFCC to Sean Kelly Mays - approve upon receipt of withdrawal letter from previous FDFCC.

Appearance # 2657068 – Hopkins Mortuary – change FDFCC to Larry Battle – approved.

\*Michael Odom notified the Board that Crest Lawn Funeral Home is closing and will submit a letter of voluntary surrender. At which time a closing inspection will be scheduled. Mr. Odom requested the inspector contact him to arrange an appointment.

**Applications:**

Application # 2655555 – Gregory Michael Mallory – reinstatement of Embalmer's license – approved.

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Application # 2656758 – Jack Gordon Smalley - Funeral Director – approved.

Application #s 2656875 & 2656877 – Sam I. Russell - Funeral Director & Embalmer – approved.

Application # 2654722 – Pollard Funeral Home – Funeral Establishment – approved.

Application #s 2654239 & 2654240 – D.H.R. - Funeral Director & Embalmer – tabled – schedule an interview with the Board for March 13, 2017.

Application #s 2658923 & 2658926 – D.C.R. - Funeral Director & Embalmer – tabled – schedule an interview with the Board for March 13, 2017.

Application # 2658240 – Hill-Watson Memorial Chapel at Rosehill LLC – Funeral Establishment - approved.

Application # 2658236 – Chavous B. Johnson and Reid Funeral Service – Funeral Establishment – approved with a letter of concern – operating prior to licensing.

**The Board recessed for lunch 12:35 p.m. – 1:03 p.m.**

**Public Hearing:**

A public hearing was held at 1:17 p.m. for the purpose of allowing public comment on proposed amendments to Rules 250-1-.01, 250-1-.04, 250-4-.02, 250-4-.03, 250-4-.05, 250-4-.06, 250-5-.01, 250-5-.02, 250-5-.03, 250-5-.04, 250-5-.05, 250-5-.07, 250-5-.09, 250-5-.10, 250-5-.11, 250-5-.12, 250-6-.01, 250-6-.02, 250-6-.05, 250-6-.06, 250-6-.07, 250-6-.08 and 250-7-.01. Public comments were received on Rule 250-5-.09\* and Rule 250-6-.07\*\*. No other public or written comments were received by the Board during the hearing. At the conclusion of the public comment portion, Chairman Hightower declared the hearing closed, and the regular meeting of the Board was called back into Open Session at 1:35 p.m.

\* Public comment from Lisa Durden, Director of the Professional Licensing Boards, as relayed by La Trena Tyler-Jones, Executive Director.

\*\*Public comment from Thelon Hamby, Former Chairman of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service.

**Adoption of Proposed Rules:**

The Chair entertained a motion to accept the amendments to Rules 250-1-.01, 250-1-.04, 250-4-.02, 250-4-.03, 250-4-.05, 250-4-.06, 250-5-.01, 250-5-.02, 250-5-.03, 250-5-.04, 250-5-.05, 250-5-.07, 250-5-.09, 250-5-.10, 250-5-.11, 250-5-.12, 250-6-.01, 250-6-.02, 250-6-.06, 250-6-.07, 250-6-.08 and 250-7-.01. Joe Westbury moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and was affirmatively voted by the Board that the formulation and adoption of the proposed rule amendments does not impose excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendments could not be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-18-2; 43-18-23; 43-18-71; 43-18-72; and 43-18-75.

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**250-1-.01 ORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

The Board shall be composed of seven (7) members who are appointed by the Governor. The seven (7) members shall be constituted as follows: six (6) members, each of whom is a licensed and practicing funeral director and embalmer with a minimum of five (5) years as such in this state immediately prior to appointment, plus one (1) consumer advocate member who shall have no connection whatsoever with the funeral service industry. Each member shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of six (6) years.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § Secs. 43-18-21

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**250-1-.04 RESTRICTIONS ON BOARD MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES**

- (1) No Board member shall participate in the deliberation or the vote on licensure or registration of any applicant who is employed by, was previously employed by, or is being hired by that Board member.
- (2) No Board member shall participate in the deliberation or the vote on licensure or registration of any applicant:
  - (a) who is known to be a relative of that Board member; or
  - (b) with whom that Board member has a personal relationship which could affect the Board member's judgment.
- (3) No Board member shall participate in the deliberation or the vote on licensure for any establishment or crematory in which the member has an ownership or management interest.
  - (a) For purposes of administering this rule, "ownership" is determined by whether the Board member has authority and responsibility for making decisions concerning the operations of the organization as a whole. "Ownership" does not include holding an insignificant equity ownership, such as in common stocks and bonds.
  - (b) For purposes of administering this rule, "management interest" is determined by whether the Board member has direct management responsibilities for the establishment involved in the vote or deliberation.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § Secs. 43-1-25 and 43-18-23

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**250-4-.02 APPRENTICE REGISTRATION. AMENDED**

- (1) An apprentice must be currently registered with the Board in order to receive credit for time served as an apprentice. An applicant for registration as a funeral service apprentice must:
  - (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
  - (b) At a minimum, be a high school graduate or holder of a General Education Development (GED) certification of high school equivalency;

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- (c) An applicant must file an application on a form available from the Board; this application must be verified by oath and be accompanied by the registration fee. This application shall ask questions regarding the applicant's conviction of a felony or misdemeanor and violations or sentences under the First Offender Act;
- (d) An applicant must designate the specific funeral director and/ or embalmer under whom he/she will be apprenticing. Such supervisor must be approved by the Board as specified in Rule 250-4-.05;
- (e) An applicant must designate the specific establishment in the State of Georgia at which he/she will be apprenticing. Such establishment must be approved by the Board as specified in Rule 250-4-.05 and must have conducted an average of at least thirty (30) funerals per year over the preceding five (5) years; and
- (f) An application for registration shall be viewed only after it is complete. An application must be completed at least fifteen (15) business days prior to a Board meeting, and the Board's acceptance or rejection of each application shall be by majority vote of the entire Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § Secs. 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-18-23, 43-18-51, and 43-18-54

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**250-4-.03 SERVING OF APPRENTICESHIP**

- (1) **Hours and Duration.** An apprenticeship period consists of 3,120 hours served in a time period of no less than eighteen (18) months and no more than two (2) renewal cycles as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-18-50(c). This period shall be measured from the date the application is approved by the Board. The (18) eighteen-month minimum is in addition to the time required to graduate from a college of funeral service accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or such other college specifically approved by the Board. An apprentice shall be allowed to serve a maximum of four (4) hours per day for credit towards completion of the apprenticeship period while enrolled in such college.
- (2) **Business Hours.** Regular business hours, for purposes of apprenticeship, means the hours between 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M.
- (3) **Sleeping.** An apprentice may not count hours spent sleeping in a funeral establishment toward his/her hours of requirement, even if such time spent sleeping occurs during the regular business hours as defined in Rule 250-4-.03(2).
- (4) **Reports.** Every six (6) months, each apprentice shall furnish to the Board the details of the hours spent in employment as an apprentice on forms supplied by the Board. After completing the 3,120 hours for apprenticeship within the specified period, the apprentice shall send the last report to the Board regardless of the date. The information contained in the report shall be certified as correct by the funeral director in full and continuous charge and by the supervising funeral director and embalmer. The report will specify the number of bodies which the apprentice has assisted with embalming and the number of funerals in which the apprentice has assisted. This report shall be current and available for inspection.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § Secs. 43-1-19, 43-18-5, 43-18-23, and 43-18-50 to 43-18-54

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**250-4-.05 BOARD-APPROVED SUPERVISOR**

- (1) An apprenticeship must be served under one (1) or more Board-approved supervisors. A board-approved supervisor shall be either:
  - (a) an individual who is currently licensed by the state of Georgia as a funeral director and embalmer; or
  - (b) two (2) individuals, one (1) of whom is currently licensed by the state of Georgia as a funeral director and the other of whom is currently licensed by the state of Georgia as an embalmer.
- (2) An embalmer and/or funeral director who seeks Board approval to serve as a supervisor:
  - (a) must be employed, either full time or as a trade embalmer, at an establishment approved by the Board as an apprentice site. In addition to any other requirements, a trade embalmer seeking approval as a supervisor:
    1. must embalm at the establishment where the apprentice is registered;
    2. can only supervise four (4) apprentices in total; and
    3. must appear before the Board for approval.
  - (b) must have been employed as a licensee for at least three (3) years;
  - (c) must provide direct supervision which shall mean a licensed supervisor present in the same room as apprentice during arrangements, embalming a body or conducting funeral services;
  - (d) is responsible for ensuring that the apprentice complies with the Rules and Regulations of the Board while under his/her supervision; and
  - (e) may not provide concurrent supervision to more than four apprentices without Board approval.
- (3) The Board may withdraw approval of a supervisor based upon evidence of the inability to supervise an apprentice properly or upon other relevant considerations.
- (4) A licensee who becomes unable to continue to supervise must notify the Board of same no later than five (5) days after his/her last date of service as a provider of supervision.
- (5) An apprentice may receive credit for hours served only if his/her supervisor has current Board approval. An apprentice serving under a licensee whose approval to supervise has been withdrawn or who becomes unable to continue to supervise may apply to the Board to serve under a different licensee who is a Board-approved supervisor without paying an additional fee for Change of Supervisor.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § Secs. 43-18-50 to 43-18-54

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**250-4-.06 BOARD-APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP ESTABLISHMENT**

- (1) An apprenticeship must be served at a Board-approved establishment. An establishment, to become a Board-approved establishment, must:
  - (a) have a valid Georgia funeral establishment license;
  - (b) have no unresolved inspection violations; and
  - (c) certify that it has embalmed an average of at least thirty (30) bodies per year over the preceding five (5) years. Funeral establishments which have been in business for less than five (5) years or averaged less than thirty (30) embalmed bodies per year must have embalmed at least one hundred fifty (150) bodies.
- (2) An establishment may qualify for one (1) apprentice for each thirty (30) bodies it embalms each year. An establishment which embalms less than thirty (30) bodies per year may only have one (1) apprentice.
- (3) The Board may withdraw approval of an establishment if it deems the establishment to be inappropriate for apprenticeship training. An apprentice serving at an establishment whose approval is withdrawn shall receive notification thereof at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of withdrawal and may not receive credit for any hours served at the establishment after said sixty (60) days. Such apprentice may apply to the Board to serve at a Board-approved establishment without paying an additional fee for change of location.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § Secs. 43-18-50 to 43-18-54

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**250-5-.01 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: EMBALMER**

- (1) An applicant for licensure as an embalmer must satisfy the following requirements:
  - (a) be at least 18 years of age at the time of application;
  - (b) be of good moral character; and
  - (c) at minimum, have graduated from a high school or have earned a general education development certificate.
- (2) An applicant for licensure as an embalmer shall make written application to the Board on forms provided by the Board, shall submit the appropriate fee, and shall provide proof of the following:
  - (a) graduation from a college of funeral service accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or such other college specifically approved by the Board;
  - (b) 3,120 hours of service as an apprentice as specified in Rule 250-4-.02 and in O.C.G.A. Section 43-18-50; and
  - (c) an affidavit which states that the apprentice assisted in embalming at least fifty (50) bodies and which specifies the names and dates of death.

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- (3) An application for licensure as an embalmer shall be reviewed by the Board only after it is complete. This application shall ask questions regarding the applicant's conviction of a felony or misdemeanor and violations or sentences under the First Offender Act. An application must be complete at least fifteen (15) days prior to a Board meeting, and the Board shall accept or reject each application by majority vote.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § Secs. 43-18-23, 43-18-40, 43-18-41, and 43-18-50

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**250-5-.02 LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION: EMBALMER**

- (1) An applicant for licensure as an embalmer must attain a passing score, as determined by the Board, on the Funeral Service Science Examination of the National Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards. Any examination fee which may be required shall be paid directly to the Conference. An individual may take the Funeral Service Science and Funeral Service Arts Examinations of the National Conference on the same date.
- (2) Veterans who qualify for Veterans Preference Points may have additional points added to their score. Information on points may be obtained from the Board office.
- (3) An applicant for licensure as an embalmer must direct the National Conference to provide the Board with certification that he/she passed the Funeral Service Science Examination.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § Secs. 43-18-23 and 43-18-40

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**250-5-.03 LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY OR ENDORSEMENT: EMBALMER**

The Board may consider licensure by reciprocity, without the requirement of taking the National Examination and upon payment of the appropriate fee, to any person licensed as an embalmer by another State, territory, or country, or by the District of Columbia. An applicant for licensure as an embalmer by reciprocity must successfully pass a written examination approved by the Board which tests knowledge of the law of this state relating to funeral directors and must either:

- (a) satisfy the requirements listed in Rule 250-5-.01 above; or
- (b) hold a valid embalmer's license in a jurisdiction whose requirements for licensure as an embalmer are substantially equal to the requirements for licensure as an embalmer in Georgia; and
- (c) an embalmer licensed by endorsement cannot issued on the basis of another reciprocal or endorsement license;
- (d) Or, an applicant who cannot meet the requirements of (a) or (b) in this rule may be issued a license as an embalmer by endorsement upon submission of documentation from an employer attesting that the applicant has been engaged in the active practice of funeral service as a licensed embalmer and funeral director for a minimum of three (3) years immediately preceding the submission of an application for licensure in Georgia, in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 43-18-42(a)(2). For the purposes of this rule, "immediately preceding" shall mean that the applicant must submit the appropriate application to the Board office within six (6)

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months of leaving the state in which he or she has been actively engaged in the active practice of funeral service.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 43-18-2, 43-18-23, and 43-18-40

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**250-5-.04 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: FUNERAL DIRECTOR**

- (1) An applicant for licensure as a funeral director must satisfy the following requirements:
  - (a) be at least 18 years of age at the time of application;
  - (b) be of good moral character; and
  - (c) at minimum, have graduated from a high school or have earned a general education development certificate.
- (2) An applicant for licensure as a funeral director shall make written application to the Board on forms provided by the Board, shall submit the appropriate fee, and shall provide the following:
  - (a) proof of valid licensure as an embalmer in the State of Georgia; and
  - (b) an affidavit which states that the apprentice assisted with at least fifty (50) funerals and which specifies the names and dates of death.
- (3) An application for licensure as a funeral director shall be reviewed by the Board only after it is complete. This application shall ask questions regarding the applicant's conviction for a felony or misdemeanor and violations or sentences under the First Offender Act. An application must be completed at least fifteen (15) days prior to a Board meeting, and the Board shall accept or reject each application by majority vote.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-18-23 and 43-18-41

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**250-5-.05 LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION: FUNERAL DIRECTOR**

- (1) An applicant for licensure as a funeral director must attain a passing score, as determined by the Board, on both the Funeral Service Science and Funeral Service Arts Examinations of the National Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards. Any examination fee which may be required shall be paid directly to the Conference. An individual may take the Funeral Service Science and Funeral Service Arts Examination of the National Conference on the same date.
- (2) An applicant for licensure must direct the Conference to provide the Board with certification that he/she passed both examinations.
- (3) An applicant for a funeral director license on or after January 1, 1991, must also pass the Board approved Jurisprudence Examination which covers state laws regarding funeral directing. The application for the examination must be submitted to the Board at least forty-five (45) days before a scheduled examination.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-18-23 and 43-18-41

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**250-5-.07 DISPLAY OF LICENSES**

- (1) Each person licensed by the Board must display his/her license conspicuously in his/her principal funeral establishment where employed.
- (2) A trade embalmer or funeral director who works in more than one establishment must display a duplicate photocopy of his/her license in establishment or crematory in which he/she works.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-18-44

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**250-5-.09 RENEWAL**

- (1) An initial embalmer license or funeral director license shall become effective upon issuance of a license number by the Board.
- (2) Embalmer licenses and Funeral Director licenses expire on March 31 of even-numbered years. Licenses may be renewed with the submission of a renewal application plus a renewal fee prior to the license expiration date. Licensees who hold both an embalmer and funeral director license must renew their embalmer license in order to renew their funeral director license.
- (3) During the period between April 1 and June 30 immediately following the expiration of a license, the license may be renewed upon submission of an application and a late renewal fee (not to exceed \$250.00) in addition to the regular renewal fee. After April 1 and prior to April 30 the Board staff will notify in writing those who have not yet renewed their license. Those failing to renew their license prior to July 1 will be subject to fines and disciplinary action by the Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19(1), 43-18-46, and 43-18-48

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**250-5-.10 REVOCATION AND REINSTATEMENT**

Failure to renew an embalmer or funeral director license prior to July 1 of the renewal year shall have the same effect as revocation. Any consideration for license reinstatement shall be at the discretion of the Board and shall require submission of a reinstatement application and reinstatement fee.

The Board in its discretion may reinstate a funeral director license upon receipt of an application, evidence of completion for ten (10) hours of approved continuing education units for any applicant who is under 65 years of age, and appropriate fees. See fee schedule. Additionally, a person applying for reinstatement more than two (2) years after the expiration date of his/her license shall be required to retake and pass the Board-approved Jurisprudence Examination on Georgia law regarding funeral directing.

**Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-18-43, 43-1-19(1), 43-18-49, 43-1-25, 43-18-23, 43-18-55, and 43-18-56**

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**250-5-.11 INACTIVE STATUS**

A person must have a current Georgia license in order to apply for inactive status; and

- (a) A funeral director or embalmer who holds a current license and who will not practice funeral directing or embalming in Georgia may apply for inactive status by completing an Application

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for Inactive Status and submitting the appropriate fee (see Fee Schedule) to the Board. Once the license is in Inactive Status, an embalmer or funeral director shall not practice embalming or funeral directing in the State of Georgia while that license is on Inactive Status; and

- (b) To request that a license be placed on Inactive Status, the license must be in good standing and the licensee must show that he/she has attained the continuing education hours which will be required at their next renewal; and
- (c) A funeral director or embalmer who wishes to reactivate an Inactive Status license must submit to the Board an Application to Reactivate, appropriate fee, and documentation of continuing education:
  - 1. If the request to reactivate is received more than two (2) years but less than four (4) years from the date on which Inactive Status was approved, the licensee must document five (5) continuing education hours;
  - 2. If the request to reactivate is received four (4) or more years after the date on which Inactive Status was approved, the licensee must document ten (10) continuing education hours and take and pass the State Laws and Rules Examination, notwithstanding the fact that he/she may have passed the Laws and Rules Examination on a prior date.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-22 and 43-18-23

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**250-5-.12 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDER APPROVAL**

- (1) Effective for the 1998 license renewal, a total of ten (10) hours of continuing education are required biennially (every two (2) years) to renew an embalmer or funeral director license. Each licensee shall report in writing, under oath, the number of hours of continuing education he/she completed. Such report will be due at the time of renewal and shall accompany the Application for License Renewal. These continuing education hours shall have been obtained during the last two (2) years preceding the renewal.
- (2) All licensees must obtain ten (10) hours whether they hold one or two licenses.
- (3) Funeral directors or embalmers who are licensed by the Board within the second year of the renewal cycle (after April 1 of the odd numbered year) will not be required to submit any continuing education hours for their first license renewal.
- (4) Hardship, Disability and Age Requirement. The continuing education requirement shall be waived for persons who hold an Inactive Status license or for licensed individuals over the age of 65; and
  - (a) The Board may waive the continuing education requirement in cases of hardship, disability, illness, or under such circumstances as the Board deems appropriate. Such waiver must be requested in writing to the Board and must be accompanied by acceptable documentation.
- (5) The Board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by educational institutions, specialty societies, professional or other organizations, and government agencies upon submission of an application and non-refundable fee. For the purpose of this rule, government agencies means federal, state or local government agencies, public school systems and licensed hospitals. The

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Board may, in its discretion, accept continuing education hours that are approved in another state. The Board may require the licensee to submit various information concerning the course(s), and proof of successful completion.

- (6) Board Approved Providers. Continuing education hours may be obtained by participating in activities sponsored by Board-Approved Providers. Board-Approved Providers may only offer programs in the topic areas for which they have been approved. The provider shall certify the number of clock hours of educational content in each continuing education activity.
- (a) To qualify for initial approval, to renew approval, or to qualify for approval in additional topic areas, a provider must submit to the Board:
1. a Funeral Service Board Approved Continuing Education Provider Application and non-refundable fee (See fee schedule); and
  2. a description of the topic areas in which the provider plans to sponsor continuing education activities; and
  3. the names of all instructors currently offering continuing education activities, a description of the topic areas in which the instructor is qualified to teach along with a resume or other evidence demonstrating that each instructor is qualified in the identified topic area; and
  4. program outlines, including instructors, objectives, schedules and instructional material.
- (b) Board-Approved Provider status shall expire March 31 of even numbered years. The Provider must submit a new application and non-refundable application fee for the next renewal cycle. The Board retains the right to monitor continuing education programs sponsored by Board-Approved Providers and will withdraw approval from providers who do not maintain Board standards.
- (7) Reporting and Documentation. Each licensee shall maintain documentation of their continuing education activities.
- (a) Each licensee shall attest, on his/her biennial license renewal application, that he/she has satisfied the continuing education requirements. Documentation of these activities shall be retained for three (3) years by the licensee and not sent to the Board unless requested by the Board. False attestation of satisfaction of the continuing education requirements on a renewal application may subject the licensee to disciplinary action, including license revocation; and
- (b) The Board will audit a fixed percentage of the renewal applications. Licensees whose applications are audited will be required to provide documentation of his/her continuing education requirements; and
- (c) An audited licensee who fails to provide the Board with acceptable documentation of the hours attested to in their application shall not have their license renewed. In the event the person seeks a new license, the Board may in its discretion review and take into

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consideration any and all files, including investigative files and/or reports, related to the person and/or establishment.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-23, 43-18-55, 43-18-56, and 43-18-73

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**250-6-.01 FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT / CREMATORY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) A funeral establishment or crematory may be operated only if it possesses a license valid for that establishment or crematory. Application to the Board for licensure shall be made on a Board-approved form and shall require submission of the proper fee. Application must be complete in its entirety and must be received at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Board meeting at which it will be considered. The Board shall accept or reject each application by majority vote.
- (2) A license for a funeral establishment or crematory is issued to that particular establishment or crematory under a specified name, at a specified location, and under a specified funeral director in full and continuous charge.
- (3) An establishment shall operate only under the name in which the license was issued.
- (4) A license may be issued to a funeral establishment or crematory only if such business has a licensed Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge. See O.C.G.A. § 43-18-71 and Rule 250-6-.08 for the requirements concerning the Funeral Director In Full and Continuous Charge.
- (5) An inspection of a funeral home or crematory shall be made by a Board inspector prior to licensure. Inspection must be completed after the application has been approved and prior to Board meeting at which it will be considered. Requirements of inspection for funeral establishment and crematories are listed in Rule 250-6-.06 and Rule 250-6.07, respectively. If reinspection is required, an additional fee shall be payable prior to reinspection. Refer to Fee Schedule.
- (6) A crematory may be operated only if it possesses a separate license for such purpose. However, a funeral establishment for which a valid license to operate is in effect on July 1, 2002, shall not be required to obtain a separate license to operate a crematory until on and after the renewal date to operate a funeral establishment must comply with all of the minimum equipment and facilities requirements and all other statutes, rules and regulations relating to crematories.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-2, 43-1-19, 43-18-23, 43-18-70 to 43-18-73

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**250-6-.02 CHANGE IN NAME, ADDRESS, LOCATION OR OWNERSHIP**

- (1) Name. A change in the name of a funeral establishment or crematory shall require written submission of an application and appropriate fee to the Board. Upon Board approval, a new license number shall be issued.
- (2) Address or Location. A change in the address and/or location of a funeral establishment or crematory shall require written submission of an application and appropriate fee to the Board. Upon Board approval, a new license number shall be issued.

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- (3) Ownership. A change of ownership of a funeral establishment or crematory shall require written submission of an application and appropriate fee to the Board within fifteen (15) days of the change in ownership of the said funeral establishment or crematory. Such notification must be signed by both the seller and the purchaser, and the signatures must be notarized.
- (4) Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge.
  - (a) Any change in the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge must be reported to the Board in writing within five (5) days. The Board shall request the new Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge and the owner(s) and/or corporate officer(s) of the establishment or crematory to appear before the Board to determine if the requirements for a Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge have been met. If the owner(s) and/or corporate officer(s) are not able to appear before the Board, they may appoint a representative through written authorization on company letterhead signed by the owner and/or corporate officer to represent them before the Board for the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge interview. In the event the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge applicant is also an owner of that funeral or crematory establishment, the requirement to appear before the Board may be waived; and
  - (b) A funeral establishment or crematory temporarily without a Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge shall notify the Board in writing within five (5) days following the last day of the funeral director's service, requesting a 90-day grace period before the establishment or crematory license is revoked or terminated. The Board at its discretion may grant one additional 90-day grace period upon proof of good cause, but grace periods may not total over 180 days in any two- year period starting from the first day of the first grace period. A grace period shall be terminated upon approval by the Board of a Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge.
- (5) Destruction. A funeral establishment or crematory temporarily destroyed by fire, flood or other natural catastrophe, shall notify the Board in writing within (5) five days following the catastrophe, requesting a 90-day grace period to use a temporary location while reconstructing the previous location, provided the establishment or crematory meets the requirements of the Code and Rules of the Board. The Board, at its discretion, may grant additional 90-day grace periods, upon proof of good cause. All services provided to the public during any grace period shall be provided by or under the supervision of a licensed funeral director.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-18-23, 43-1-2, 43-18-71, 43-18-74, 43-18-77

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**250-6-.05 RENEWAL: FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT / CREMATORY**

- (1) Each funeral establishment or crematory license expires on June 30 of odd-numbered years. A license may be renewed with the submission of an application plus renewal fee prior to expiration.
- (2) During the period between July 1 and September 30 immediately following the expiration of a license, the license may be renewed upon submission of an application and a late renewal fee in addition to the regular renewal fee. After July 1 and before July 31 the Board staff will notify the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge in writing, at the address on file with the Board, of their failure to renew.

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- (3) Failure to renew a funeral establishment or crematory license prior to October 1 following the late renewal period shall have the same effect as revocation. Thereafter, the owner must submit a new application, the establishment must pass an inspection, and the owner and funeral director in full and continuous charge may, at the Board's discretion, be required to appear before the Board to gain licensure. Any establishment or crematory failing to renew prior to October 1 will be subject to fines and disciplinary action by the Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19, 43-18-3, 43-18-43, 43-18-44, and 43-18-73

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**250-6-.06 FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS; FINES**

- (1) A representative of the Board shall regularly inspect establishments between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, with the exception of State government-mandated holidays. Although the funeral director in full and continuous charge need not be present for the inspections, the establishment must be available during these hours for inspection. Upon finding a funeral establishment unavailable during an inspection attempt, the Board representative shall contact the establishment at the telephone number of record with the Board, or an alternative telephone number conspicuously posted at the establishment. If the establishment is not made available for an inspection by an establishment employee within sixty (60) minutes of the telephone contact, or if telephone contact is unsuccessful, the Board representative shall issue a written warning notifying that an inspection attempt was made. Any funeral establishment not inspected during a calendar year may have the establishment license suspended, revoked, or put on probation, or fines may be imposed by the Board.
- (2) Any violation under this section shall be deemed a violation of minimum standards and threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public. A funeral establishment licensed by the Board shall be required to pay a fine to the Board for each violation of this section. At the time of inspection, a citation shall be issued by an inspector or representative of the Board which shall list each violation. Following the issuance of the citation, the licensee shall either remit the amount of the fine to the Board or submit a written request for an appearance before the Board. A request for an appearance before the Board must be received by the Board within thirty (30) days after issuance of the citation. Failure to either pay the fine or request an appearance before the Board within (30) days from the issuance of the citation shall cause further disciplinary proceedings to be instituted against the licensee. The requirements for inspections and the fines for violations under this section are as follows:
- (a) All outside openings must be screened where left open for ventilation. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00.
- (b) All embalming rooms shall be equipped with the following:
1. hot and cold running water; the fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$200.00;
  2. non-absorbent sanitary floor and walls; the fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$200.00;
  3. permanently installed ventilation; the fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$200.00;

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4. a non-absorbent preparation table; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$200.00; and
  5. a sink with drain opening and non-porous sanitary cover into a sewerage or septic tank; the fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$200.00.
- (c) In addition, each embalming room shall be equipped with a separate sink for disinfecting of hands and instruments. The fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$50.00;
- (d) Each embalming room, including all instruments and tables, shall be kept in a sanitary and clean condition at all times. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$200.00;
- (e) Each embalming room shall contain instruments and supplies for the separation and embalming of dead bodies. Instruments and equipment must consist of the following:
1. at least one scalpel; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00;
  2. at least two aneurysm needles; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00;
  3. at least two cannulas; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00;
  4. embalming machine, or gravity bottle or bulb or hand pump; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00;
  5. 24 bottles arterial fluid and 24 bottles cavity fluid; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00;
  6. suture; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00;
  7. 1 suture needle; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00;
  8. trocar; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00;
  9. hydro aspirator or electric aspirator; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00; and
  10. a permanently installed back flow preventer for the hydro aspirator; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00.
- (f) The embalming room of an establishment shall be used only for the purpose of embalming of dead human bodies. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$200.00;
- (g) An establishment must maintain on the premises a display room containing actual adult caskets, or models, mockups, or sections of caskets if all such caskets are available and in stock for purchase at the establishment or can be delivered within 24 hours. Each funeral establishment shall maintain on the premises at each of its locations an adequate stock of funeral caskets which shall not be less than eight and which shall meet such other criteria as necessary to protect the public. The fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$100.00 per casket short of the minimum;

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- (h) A room with adequate seating for a minimum of 30 people in which funeral services may be conducted. The fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$100.00;
- (i) One operable motor hearse and/or combination hearse/ambulance with current Georgia registration for the transportation of casketed human remains which must be maintained at each establishment. The fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$100.00;
- (j) One church truck. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00;
- (k) A funeral establishment shall not be located in the same facility as public cafes, restaurants or any place where food is prepared and sold for public consumption. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$500.00;
- (l) A funeral establishment whose funeral director resides in the funeral establishment in order to satisfy the requirements of funeral director in full and continuous charge must include in his or her living quarters furnished sleeping quarters, cooking, refrigerating, and bathing facilities. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$200.00;
- (m) An establishment must have at least one sanitary rest room facility for public use. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$200.00;
- (n) A new establishment must submit proof of having met zoning requirements and public health standards of its local municipalities;
- (o) An establishment must be maintained in a state of clean, sound, safe, and acceptable repair and condition at all times;
- (p) A funeral home shall have a card or brochure in each casket stating the price of the casket. When the client has decided on the type of service desired, the funeral director must provide, at the time such arrangements are completed and prior to the time of rendering the service or providing the merchandise, a written statement that has been signed and certified by a licensed funeral director showing:
  - 1. The price of the service that the person or persons has selected and what is included therein;
  - 2. the price of each of the supplemental items of service and merchandise requested;
  - 3. the amount involved for each of the items for which the funeral home will advance monies as an accommodation to the family.
- (i) The fine for failure to comply fully with the requirements of this subsection shall be \$200.00.
- (q) A current biennial renewal license for the establishment, embalmer, funeral director and any apprentices must be conspicuously displayed. The FDFCC for each funeral establishment and/or crematory establishment shall conspicuously display his/her name and current active license in all designated arrangement offices. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$100.00;
- (r) For purposes of identification of the body or remains of a deceased person for tagging purposes as required by OCGA 43-18-8, tags and/or labels must be attached to the deceased human body in the funeral establishment at the time the body is dressed and/or

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placed in the casket and/or shipping container, or prior to leaving the funeral establishment to go to the crematory. The fine for failure to comply fully with the requirements of this subsection shall be \$100 per occurrence; and

- (s) The Board may issue a Cease and Desist order for unsanitary conditions.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-18-2, 43-18-23, 43-18-46, 43-18-70, 43-18-71, 43-18-75, 43-18-76

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**250-6-.07 CREMATORY INSPECTIONS. AMENDED**

- (1) A representative of the Board shall regularly inspect crematories no less frequently than annually between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Although the funeral director in full and continuous charge need not be present for the inspection, the crematory must be open during these hours for inspection. Requirements of inspections are as follows:

- (a) A room with seating for a minimum of 30 people in which funeral services may be conducted. The fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$100.00;
- (b) A display room containing an adequate supply of urns; the fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$50.00;
- (c) One operable motor hearse with current Georgia registration for the transportation of human remains which must be either owned or leased by said firm; the fine for a violation under this subsection shall be \$100.00;
- (d) At least one operable retort for cremation; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$200.00;
- (e) At least one operable processing station for grinding of cremated remains; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$200.00;
- (f) At least one church truck; the fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$50.00;
- (g) A current license for the crematory and funeral director, which must be conspicuously displayed. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$100.00;
- (h) The provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), and (f) of this Rule shall not apply to crematories which provide cremation services only to other funeral establishments; and
- (i) The Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge for each crematory shall conspicuously display his/her name and current active license in all designated arrangement rooms. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall be \$100.00.

- (2) A representative of the Board shall be authorized to obtain information on the retort used by the establishment for cremations. Such information shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Make and model of the retort;

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- (b) Manufacturer's name;
  - (c) Year installed;
  - (d) Date of most recent manufacturer's inspection;
  - (e) Copy of most recent inspection report from manufacturer; and
  - (f) Documentation regarding necessary repairs to the retort.
- (3) The Board shall require crematories to have annual inspections of the retort by the manufacturer or other authorized crematory repair company to ensure proper operations. The Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge shall notify the Board within 5 (five) days of the inspection of a less than satisfactory report by presenting the Board with a copy of the inspection report. The Board shall require crematories to make necessary repairs to the retort immediately, not to exceed 30 days without approval by the Board. Any crematory that does not make the necessary repairs noted on the manufacturer's inspection within the time allowed by the Board shall be subject to immediate suspension of licensure until the Board is satisfied that proper repairs have been made.
- (4) The Board shall require the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge to be certified as crematory operator from a course approved by the Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-18-2, 43-18-23, 43-18-46, 43-18-71, 43-18-72, 43-18-75, 43-18-76

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**250-6-.08 DETERMINATION OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR IN FULL AND CONTINUOUS CHARGE**

The Board shall have the authority to evaluate each application for a funeral establishment or crematory license to determine whether the funeral director has the ability to be accessible, and available to the community if the funeral director does not spend a minimum of forty (40) hours per week in the employ and operation of the establishment. The Board may then approve an application where the funeral director does not satisfy the specific requirement to spend a minimum of forty (40) hours per week in the employ and operation of the establishment or crematory if the Board is satisfied that the funeral director will be accessible and available to the community. The individual approved by the Board to serve as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge may only serve in such a capacity at one Funeral Establishment, but may also serve as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge at a Crematory if such Crematory is located at the same physical address as the approved Funeral Establishment. In determining whether the funeral director possesses the ability to be accessible and available to the community, the Board will consider:

- (a) the proximity of the funeral director's other employment and/or residence to the funeral establishment;
- (b) the funeral director's ability to obtain leave from his/her other job in order to attend to the affairs of the funeral establishment; and
- (c) any other information which relates to the ability of the funeral director to adequately supervise the operation of the funeral establishment.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-18-23 and 43-18-71

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**250-7-.01 COMPLAINTS**

- (1) A complaint may be filed by any person by submitting a written statement to the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.
- (2) The complaint shall include the complainant's name, address and phone number, and email address if applicable, and shall give the name and address of the person or business entity against whom the complaint is being filed.
- (3) The complainant must specifically state the circumstances which led to the complaint being filed.
- (4) While a complaint is under investigation, the name of the person or business entity against whom the complaint is being filed shall be treated as confidential as provided in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h)(2). However, the name of the person or business entity will no longer be treated as confidential once the Board takes an official action which places it into the public record.
- (5) Once a Board member becomes aware of the identity of a person who is the subject of a complaint, and the Board member has a personal relationship with that person which would affect the Board member's judgment or has prior knowledge of a person's practice which would affect the Board member's judgment, the Board member shall immediately disclose to the Board such relationship or knowledge, and shall not participate in the deliberation or the vote on the complaint; however, nothing herein shall preclude any Board member from giving testimony in the matter.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2, 43-1-19, 43-18-23, 43-18-46, 43-18-47

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Michael Fowler moved, Joe Westbury seconded, and the motion carried to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h) and 43-18, on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217, for the purpose of discussing and reviewing complaint cases, and to hear the Attorney General's report.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was closed by Bryant Hightower, Chair, at 2:39 p.m., who then declared the meeting back in public session. No votes were taken in Executive session.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Joe Westbury moved, W T Edmondson seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to ratify the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

**Complaints:**

FUN170084 – Tabled – Referred to Inspection to obtain a statement from the funeral home.

FUN170085 – Closed – Unlicensed practice was unfounded. Funeral home was under a grace period.

FUN170096 – Tabled – Referred to Inspection to obtain a statement from the funeral home to determine why the headstone had not been ordered.

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FUN170097 – Tabled – Referred to Inspection to obtain a statement from the funeral home regarding death certificate not issued. Confirm with Vital Statistics. If the death certificate was not filed, bring the owner and FDFCC before the Board for an interview.

FUN170101 – Tabled – Refer to Investigations to obtain a statement from the receiving funeral home, then bring before the Board for an interview.

FUN170102 - Closed – Lack of evidence – civil matter.

FUN170103 – Tabled – Referred to Inspection to obtain a statement from the FDFCC.

FUN170104 – Tabled – Refer to Inspections for statement from FDFCC.

FUN170105 – Closed – No jurisdiction.

FUN170057 – Tabled – Pending report from Investigations.

FUN170072 – Closed – Civil matter.

FUN170080 – Tabled – Contact Coroner where death occurred – bring before the Board for an interview.

FUN170049 – Close upon receipt of documentation.

**Attorney General’s Report:**

FUN170030 – Licensee refused Summary Suspension. Send a copy of the order to suspend to vital records, the county coroner and city.

FUN170095 – Public consent orders issued.

The Board received legal advice from Reagan Dean regarding franchises.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Continuing Education:**

Joe Westbury moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the motion carried by the Board to accept the Continuing Education Committee’s recommendations to approve the following continuing education courses as presented:

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Points</b>
NFDA	Cremation Certification Program - Newton, MA	7
NFDA	Cremation Certification Program - South Jordan, UT	7
NFDA	NFDA Cremation Retreat 2017 - Atlanta, GA	10
NFDA	NFDA Meet the Mentors 2017 - Atlanta, GA	10
NFDA	Cremation Certification Program - Detroit, MI	7
NFDA	NFDA Arranger Training - Columbus, OH	8.0
NFDA	Certified Preplanning Consultant - Ashland, VA	8.0
NFDA	Pursuit of Excellence	1.0

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<b>Provider</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Points</b>
NFDA Professional Women's Conference	Serving a Perpetrator's Family Following a Mass Shooting Event	1.0
NFDA Professional Women's Conference	Secret Tech Weapons for Funeral Directors	1.5
NFDA Professional Women's Conference	Power House Panel Discussion	2.0
NFDA Professional Women's Conference	Embalming/Restorative Art	1.5
NFDA Professional Women's Conference	FTC Funeral Rule	1.5
NFDA Professional Women's Conference	You in the Driver's Seat, 6 steps....	1.5
NFDMA	Funeral Service Professionalism and Ethics	2.0
NFDMA	FTC: There Are More Things You Should Know	2.0
NFDMA	Embalming Back to the Basics: Making Your Prep Work Stand Out	2.0
NFDMA	OSHA Training	2.0
NFDMA	What Would You Do: An Embalming Symposium	1.5
NFDMA	How To Establish Credibility As A Young Funeral Director	2.0
NFDMA	Are You Living or Existing: The Balance Between Life and Career	1.0
NFDMA	Millennials: How to Serve Today's Market	1.0
Selected Independent Funeral Homes	Selected Independent Funeral Homes 2017 Spring Management Seminar	8.0

Michael Fowler moved, Joe Westbury seconded, and the motion carried by the Board to accept the following orders:

**Docketed Orders:**

**Orders to Accept Fine Monies:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>License #</b>	<b>Docket #</b>	<b>Amount Accepted</b>
Myers Funeral Home	FEST001385	2017-0107	\$500
Acree Mortuary and Funeral Home	FEST001892	2017-0106	\$100
Atlanta Crematory Inc.	CREM000004	2017-0098	\$50
Ponders Funeral Home, Fairmount Chapel	FEST001503	2017-2397	\$250
<b>Orders to Accept Fine Monies - Total</b>			<b>\$900</b>

<b>Consent Order</b>	Grizzle, Rex Truman	EMB002464 & FD002825	2017-0122
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<b>Consent Order</b>	Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory	FEST001442	2017-0121
<b>Voluntary Surrender</b>	C.A. Reid SR Memorial Chapel	FEST001873	2017-0023

**Meeting Date Change:**

W.T. Edmondson moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to change the March 14, 2017 meeting to March 13, 2017.

**90 Day Grace Period Request:**

Michael Fowler moved, Joe Westbury seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following 90-day grace period requests:

<b>Name</b>	<b>License #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Rees Funeral Home	FEST000301	Lincolnton	04/09/17
Serenity Funeral Home & Cremation Service	FEST001900	Valdosta	04/25/17
Mack and Payne Funeral Home	FEST001021	Fort Benning	05/09/17
Nelsons Memorial Mortuary	FEST001244	Warner Robins	05/11/17

**Requests to Lift Probation:**

- FEST001154 – Phinazee & Son Funeral Home – approved.
- FD003368 – Kelsey Marleau Phinazee – approved.
- FEST001166 – Barrett Funeral Home Inc. - approved.

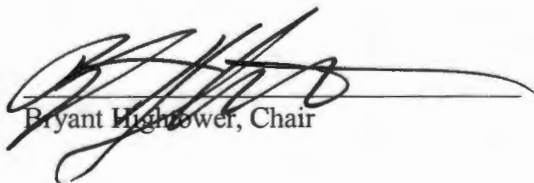
**The Conference:** The Board reviewed information from The Conference regarding the March 2, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting and ICFSEB – Conference Model Practice for Funeral Service.

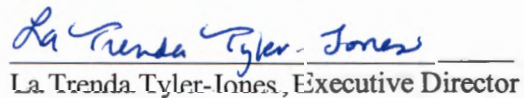
**House Bill 55 and House Bill 318:** a poll was taken and the results were all Board members opposed.

The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Funeral Service will be held Monday, March 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, Chair Hightower declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Sandy Barboza, Board Support Specialist  
Minutes reviewed and edited by: La Trena Tyler-Jones, Executive Director  
Minutes approved on 3/13/2017

  
Bryant Hightower, Chair

  
La Trena Tyler-Jones, Executive Director

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AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specified exemptions relied upon. O.C.G. A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meetings in question.

Comes Bryant Hightower, the Chairman identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On **February 14, 2017** this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of members present voted to close the meeting or a portion hereof of the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was: O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k).
5. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are as follows:

Applications and other personal information submitted by the applicants; information, Favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant; and Deliberations of the Board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an Investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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PRESIDING OFFICER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th  
Day of FEBRUARY, 2017.

Deborah A. Horton  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: JAN. 18, 2021

