

# The Office of Secretary of State

## Georgia State Board of Cemeterians

### Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025 – 10:00 AM

#### Attendance

	Pres.	Absent
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		
Haas, David, Chair	X	
Anderson, Mark	X	
Couey, William "Mickey"	X	
Dempsey, Clift	X	
Lord, Tom	X Remote	
Parker, Richard	X Remote	
<b>NON-BOARD MEMBERS</b>		
<b>OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE</b>		
Zaharis, Noula (Cemeteries Division Director)	X	
Mckeel, Lynn (Division Enforcement Attorney)	X	
Herd, Christina (Enforcement Staff)	X	
Douglas, Ronyiah (Enforcement Staff)	X	
Librada, Jenalyn (Registrations Analyst)		X
<b>OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>		
Thomas McNulty (Senior Assistant Attorney General)	X	

#### Approval of the Agenda:

Chairman David Hass presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Mickey Couey moved, Clift Dempsey seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 12, 2025 agenda.

#### Minutes:

Mark Anderson moved, Mickey Couey seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 10, 2025 Open Session and the June 10, 2025 Executive Session minutes.

#### Change of ownership

The attorneys provided an update on the following change of ownerships:

1. **Forest Hills Cemetery (PCPN000174)**
2. **Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens (PC000053)**
3. **Evergreen Memorial Park (PC000047)**
4. **Lincoln Cemetery (PCPN000155)**
5. **Dawn Memorial Park (PCPN000184)**
6. **Washington Memorial Gardens (PCPN000139)**
7. **Mount Vista Biblical Gardens (PCPN000147)**

**Executive Session:**

Mark Anderson moved, seconded by Clift 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. Mark Anderson moved, seconded by Cliff Dempsey to approve recommendations made in executive session. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Adjournment:**

Being no further business, Clift Dempsey moved, seconded by Mickey Couey, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 A.M. EST.

Minutes recorded by: Noula Zaharis, Division Director

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Noula Zaharis, Division Director      Minutes were approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

David Hass, Chairman

Noula Zaharis, Division Director

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### Board Meeting – August 12, 2025

#### Executive Session Minutes

Georgia State Board of Cemeterians voted to enter into the Executive Session on February 11, 2025, 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.

#### **A. Attorney General's Report:**

Thomas McNulty, Senior Assistant Attorney General, reported on the status on the following cemeteries that are in receivership:

- 1. ENCE-0050 Gateway Memorial Park**  
There will be a hearing in White County to appoint receiver.
- 2. ENCE-0298 Cedar Ridge Cemetery**  
Cemetery is out of receivership and new owner is Scott Walton.

#### **B. Complaints - Enforcement Actions**

- 1. ENCE-0504 Nancy Hart Memorial Park** (Attorney Christina Herd)  
Attorney Christina Herd provided an update on enforcement action.
- 2. ENCE-0510 Franklin Memorial Gardens** (Attorney Christina Herd)  
Attorney Christina Herd provided an update on enforcement action.
- 3. ENCE-0511 Franklin Memorial Gardens South** (Attorney Christina Herd)  
Attorney Christina Herd provided an update on enforcement action.
- 4. ENCE-0512 Barrow Memorial Gardens** (Attorney Christina Herd)  
Attorney Christina Herd provided an update on enforcement action.
- 5. ENCE-0528 Jackson Memorial Gardens** (Attorney Christina Herd)  
Attorney Christina Herd provided an update on enforcement action.
- 6. ENCE-0544 Greenwood Cemetery** (Attorney Christina Herd)  
Attorney Christina Herd provided an update on enforcement action.
- 7. ENCE-0565 Roselawn Memory Gardens** (Attorney Christina Herd)  
Attorney Christina Herd provided an update on the investigation.
- 8. ENCE-0617 Crestlawn Memorial Park** (Attorney Lynn Mckeel)  
Attorney Lynn Mckeel provided an update on the investigation.

#### **C. Complaints: Care and Maintenance**

- 1. ENCE-0614 Baldwin Memorial Gardens** (Attorney Ronyiah Douglas)  
Attorney Ronyiah Douglas provided an update and recommended another inspection in 60 days.
- 2. ENCE-0605 Forest Lawn Operations** (Attorney Lynn Mckeel)  
Attorney Lynn Mckeel provided an update on the inspection.
- 3. ENCE-0619 Crestlawn Memorial Park** (Attorney Lynn Mckeel)  
Attorney Lynn Mckeel provided an update on the inspection.

#### **D. Other Matters**

Discussion about succession planning for cemeteries, possibly looking into an endowment fund and rule re warranty deed.

Motion made to approve Division staff recommendations. **Motion Passed.**

Motion to close the executive session and return to open session. **Motion Passed.**