

The Office of Secretary of State
Securities, Charities and Cemeteries Division
Georgia State Board of Cemeterians
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes
October 22 , 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

Attendance

	Pres.	Absent
BOARD MEMBERS		
Haas, David, Chair	X	
Anderson, Mark	X	
Couey, William “Mickey”	X	
Dempsey, Cliff	X	
Lord, Tom	X	
Parker, Richard	X	
NON-BOARD MEMBERS		
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE		
Zaharis, Noula (Cemeteries Division Director)	X	
Mckeel, Lynn (Division Enforcement Attorney)	X	
Herd, Christina (Enforcement Staff)	X	
Douglas, Ronyiah (Enforcement Staff)	X	
Brink, Fallon (Enforcement Staff)	X	
Cornelison, Bryson (Enforcement Staff)	X	
Librada, Jenalyn (Registrations Analyst)	X	
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL		
Thomas McNulty (Senior Assistant Attorney General)	X	

Approval of the Agenda:

Chairman David Hass presided and called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM. Tom Lord moved, Cliff Dempsey seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 22, 2024 agenda.

Minutes:

Cliff Dempsey moved, Tom Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve August 28, 2024 Open Session minutes, and Cliff Dempsey moved, Mark Anderson seconded to approve the Executive Session minutes.

Open Session:

Members of the public attended the meeting to discuss Gateway Cemetery in Cleveland Georgia. CJ McDonald, a Cleveland resident with family members buried at the cemetery addressed the Board to raise his concerns as did County Commissioner Travis Turner and Mayor Josh Turner.

Sara Craven, a member of the public who has family buried at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, addressed the board to obtain clarification regarding inheritance of plots.

Executive Session:

Cliff Dempsey moved, seconded by Tom Lord, 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. Richard Parker moved, seconded by David Hass to approve recommendations made in executive session. **MOTION APPROVED.**

New Business:

Director Zaharis reported on the inquiry from the Fulton County Medical Examiner’s office regarding the disposal of cremated remains. The Board advised this is a matter for the State Funeral Board.

Adjournment:

Being no further business, Cliff Dempsey moved, seconded by Mark Anderson, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 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