

South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 11:00 am
110 Centerview Dr., Kingstree Building, WebEx
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Perpetual Care Cemetery Board office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Board Members Present:

W. Russel Floyd, Chairperson
David Brown, Vice Chairperson
Jeffrey Riggins, Member
Felicia Smith-Charles, Member
Pam Turner, Member (joined the meeting at 11:22am)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Mary League, Office of Advice Counsel
Amy Holleman, Board Executive
Norma McAllister, Program Coordinator
Shamone Breazeale, Administrative Assistant
Robert Dean, Lead Investigator
Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel
Tori Smith, Investigator
Byron Ray, Investigator

Public:

Tina Behles, Court Reporter
Funchess, Everstory
Lorena Travina, Everstory
Daniel Mehallo, Everstory
Tony McFarland, Everstory
Karen Lane, Evergreen Perpetual Cemetery
Summer Bacari, Regions Bank
Whitney Fibich, PLC Unlimited
Justin Wilson, Argent

CALLED TO ORDER: Mr. Floyd called the meeting to order at 11:03 am.

ADOPTING THE AGENDA

Motion: To adopt the agenda moved by Mrs. Smith-Charles and seconded by Mr. Riggins

The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES- no absences

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: To approve the September 21, 2023 Board meeting minutes.

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Smith-Charles. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Floyd thanked everyone for making themselves available for the Board meeting.

Board Executive's Remarks—Amy Holleman

Financial Report

Mrs. Holleman advised that Cemetery Board Cash Balance was -\$364,654.95

STAFF REPORTS

a. Investigative Review Conference (IRC) Report

Mr. Dean reported that the IRC recommends the following: 4 cases for dismissals

Motion: Mr. Riggins made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith-Charles. The motion carried.

b. Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report

Mr. Dean reported that from January 1, 2023, to October 26, 2023, 14 complaints have been filed. OIE currently has 3 active cases and 4 cases have been closed during that time period.

c. Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report

Alexis Bell reported as of August 26, 2023, there are 21 open cases of which 17 are pending hearings and agreements, 3 pending closure, and 14 have been closed since January 1, 2023 and 4 cases since the last meeting on September 8, 2023.

Legislative Contact

Motion: Mr. Floyd and Mr. Brown to remain as contact for legislature moved by Mr. Brown, which was seconded Mrs. Smith-Charles. The motion carried.

Election of Officers

Chairperson- Russel Floyd

Motion: Mrs. Charles-Smith made a motion that Mr. Floyd remain as chairperson of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riggins. The motion carried.

Vice Chairperson- David Brown

Motion: Mr. Riggins made a motion that Mr. Brown as remain as vice chairperson of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Floyd. The motion carried.

AUP Extension Request

Evergreen Perpetual Care Cemetery-Dillon-Joseph Cooper-CEM.1119

Motion: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the extension request until January 15, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith-Charles. The motion carried.

Application Hearing

These proceedings were recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Mountain View Memorial Park-CEM.1178- Tony L. McFarland

Mr. Russel Floyd recused himself
Vice Chair David Brown conducted the hearing.

- 1. Mountainview Memorial Park-Change of Ownership from Citadel Management LLC to Everystory Acquisition Portfolio, LLC**
- 2. Mountainview Memorial Park-Transfer of Irrevocable Trust from Argent Trust to Regions Bank**
- 3. Mountainview Memorial Park-Transfer of Merchandise Account Trust Fund from Argent Trust to Regions**

Ms. Mehallo, Tony L. MacFarland and Summer Bacari, of Regions Bank appeared before the Board on behalf of Mountainview Memorial Park

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application was complete. Ms. Mehallo is asking for the Board to approve the change of ownership, transfer of Irrevocable Trust and transfer of Merchandise Trust Fund.

Ms. Mehallo addressed the Board and responded to questions. Mr. Brown, after ensuring there were no further questions from the Board, called for a disposition in this matter.

Motion: Mrs. Turner made a motion to enter into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith-Charles . The motion carried.

Motion: Mrs. Turner made a motion to return to public session. The motion was seconded Ms. Smith-Charles. The motion carried

Motion: Mr. Riggins made a motion to approve the application for change of ownership, the transfer of Irrevocable Trust and the Transfer of Merchandise Trust Account. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith-Charles. The motion carried

Public Comments

Adjourned at 11:58am