

South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 10:00 am Virtual- Video/Teleconference
110 Centerview Dr., Kingtree 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, Kingtree Building, and on the Board website 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. The meeting will be held via video and teleconference. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone. For the telephone logon information, please email contact.cemetery@llr.sc.gov.

Board Members Present:

W. Russel Floyd, Jr. Chairperson
David Brown, Vice Chairperson
Jeffrey Riggins, Member
Pam Turner, Member

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Mary League, Office of Advice Counsel
Matalie Mickens, Board Executive

Public:

Tina Behles, Court Reporter
Marshal Minton, Blair Cato Picken Casterline
Bruce Walker, Integrity Group Inc.
Tonda Walker, Integrity Group, Inc.
William Mason, First Community Bank

1. CALLED TO ORDER: Mr. Floyd called the meeting to order at 11:07 am.

2. ADOPTING THE AGENDA

Motion: Mr. Brown made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Riggins to adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

3. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES-

Motion: Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Riggins to excuse the absence of Mrs. Smith Charles. The motion passed.

5. Application Hearings

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

A. Transfer of Irrevocable Care and Maintenance Trust from Regions Bank to First Community Bank

1. Celestial Memorial Gardens -CEM. 1010 - Bruce Walker
2. Greenwood Memorial Gardens -CEM. 1049 – Bruce Walker
3. Southlawn Cemetery of Aiken – CEM. 1107 – Bruce Walker

Ms. Mickens informed the Board that the application is complete. Mr. Walker is asking the Board to approve the transfer of the Irrevocable Care and Maintenance Account for Celestial Memorial Gardens, Greenwood Memorial Gardens and Southlawn Cemetery of Aiken from Regions Bank to First Community Bank. Marshal Minton, attorney for Bruce Walker responded the questions from the Board.

Mr. Floyd called for a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice.

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Brown made a motion and Mr. Riggins seconded that the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice. The motion carried.

Return to Public Session

Motion: Mr. Brown made a motion and Ms. Turner seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion carried.

Mr. Floyd noted, for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session and called for a motion in this matter.

Motion: Mr. Riggins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown that the Board approve the transfers pending a letter showing the current balance of funds in each account. The amount must be greater or equal to the balance shown on March 6, 2024. The motion carried.

B. Transfer of Merchandise Account from Regions Bank to First Community Bank

1. Celestial Memorial Gardens -CEM. 1010- Bruce Walker
2. Greenwood Memorial Gardens -CEM. 1049 – Bruce Walker
3. Southlawn Cemetery of Aiken – CEM. 1107 – Bruce Walker

Ms. Mickens informed the Board that the application is complete. Mr. Walker is asking the Board to approve the transfer of the Merchandise Accounts for Celestial Memorial

Gardens, Greenwood Memorial Gardens and Southlawn Cemetery of Aiken from Regions Bank to First Community Bank.
Marshal Minton, attorney for Bruce Walker responded the questions from the Board.

Mr. Floyd called for a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice.

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Riggins made a motion and Mr. Brown seconded that the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice. The motion carried.

Return to public session

Motion: Mr. Riggins made a motion and Mr. Brown seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion carried.

Mr. Floyd noted, for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session and called for a motion in this matter.

Motion: Mr. Riggins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown that the Board approves the transfers pending a letter showing the current balance of funds in each account. The amount must be greater or equal to the balance shown on March 6, 2024. The motion carried.

Public Comments -None

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Brown made a motion seconded by Mr. Riggins to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Mr. Floyd adjourned the March 13, 2024 meeting for the South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board at 10:58 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting for the South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board is **May 16, 2024.**