

MINUTES
South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service
Board Meeting

10:00 a.m., August 28-29, 2019
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chavis K. Gray, President, of Piedmont, called the regular meeting of the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service to order on August 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Other board members present for the meeting included: Stephen L. McMillan Jr., Vice-President, of Myrtle Beach; Darryl Dickerson, Secretary/Treasurer, of Goose Creek; Michelle A. Cooper, of Moncks Corner; William B. Horton, Jr., of Kingstree; Eddie J. Nelson, of Blythewood; and Kenneth E. Baxter, Sr., of Greenville.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Donnell Jennings, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Robert Elam, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel; Holly Beeson, Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs; Amy Holleman, Administrator; Norma McAllister, Program Assistant; Rodney Pigford, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigation; Ernest Adams, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; and William Poole, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Elizabeth Simmons, South Carolina Morticians Association; Rion Rampey, Executive Director, South Carolina Funeral Directors Association; Andy Byrd and James Wesley Davis of Cannon Byrd; Coakley A. Hilton of The Lowcountry Mortuary, LLC; Macy N. Burroughs and Chris Burroughs of Cremation Services Direct, LLC; Wendell Davis of Davis Funeral Home; Tracey McLeod and De'Aron M. Smith of Morris Funeral Home; Paula Wicker of Parks Funeral Home; Cory Alan Braatz, Joseph Edward Demerly and Bryon Keith Kenworthy of Simplicity Lowcountry; Joshua Brian Enlow; Brooke Taylor; La'Tonia Monique Davis; Felicia Davis; and Melvin Wattinton of South Carolina Consumer Affairs.

A. Public Notice

Mr. Gray announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service 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.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introduction of Board Members and Persons Attending the Meeting

The board members, staff, and all other persons attending the meeting introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Excused Absences

Mr. Stephen R. Gantt, Mr. Landis Price, and Mr. Jeffery K. Temples were not in attendance.

MOTION

Mr. McMillan made a motion to approve the absences for Mr. Stephen R. Gantt and Mr. Landis Price. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. McMillan made a motion to approve Mr. Jeffery K. Temples' absence. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Excused absences for IRC members

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Mr. Glen Crawford was unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency.

MOTION

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve Mr. Crawford's absence. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from the June 6, 2019 Meeting

Mr. Gray called for a motion to approve the minutes for June 6, 2019

MOTION

Mr. Nelson made a motion that the Board approve the June 6, 2019 minutes. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. President's Remarks – Charvis K. Gray

Mr. Gray thanked everyone for attending.

7. Administrator's Remarks – Amy Holleman

A. Financial Report

Ms. Holleman reported that the Board's cash balance at the end of July 2019 was -\$204,811.43.

B. Updates – Funeral Establishments – Change of Managers

Ms. Holleman reported the following changes:

Funeral Establishment Change of Managers

FE#	Name of Funeral Establishment	Name of Former Manager	Name of New Manager	Effective Date
888	Stoudenmire-Dowling Funeral Home	Daniel W. Jordan	Donald Wayne Campbell	06/21/2019
925	Pee Dee Crematory & Cremation Care	Daniel W. Jordan	Donald Wayne Campbell	06/21/2019
884	Palmetto Cremation Society	Daniel Keith Driggers	Bernard Richard Putnam II	06/21/2019
957	South Carolina Cremation Society	Joann Marotte	Gregory Mack Edwards	06/24/2019
993	Upstate Family Funeral Services	Gaynell Workman Tarrance	Marcia Michelle Ferguson	07/23/2019
994	Upstate Funeral Services of Greenville	Gaynell Workman Tarrance	Marcia Michelle Ferguson	07/23/2019
773	Graceland Mortuary	Michael Scott Bryant	Keith Preston Porter	08/09/2019
1019	People's Funeral Directors LLC	Lawrence Tindal James	Steve Christopher Holmes	08/21/2019

Mr. Gray stated let the record show that Dr. Michelle DuPre has joined the meeting.

8. Reports

A. Inspection Report – William Poole

Mr. Poole informed the Board that he and Mr. Adams conducted 173 inspections between May 21, 2019 and August 19, 2019.

B. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report – Rodney Pigford

Mr. Pigford presented the IRC recommendations to the Board, which are to dismiss cases 2018-78, 2018-97, 2018-103, 2019-8, and 2019-10; and reconsider for dismissal cases 2017-52 and 2018-30.

Mr. Gray called for a motion in this matter.

MOTION

Mr. McMillan made a motion that the Board approves the Investigative Review Committee recommendations. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report – Rodney Pigford

Mr. Pigford presented the OIE report to the Board as follows; cases received January 1, 2019 – August 22, 2019 are 12 active investigations; 15 do not open; two pending IRC review; four pending Compliant Analyst review and seven closed. Between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, there were 56 closed, 15 do not open cases and five cases remaining in active investigations.

D. Office of Disciplinary (ODC) Counsel – Donnell Jennings

Mr. Jennings stated there are currently 38 open cases; 31 pending action; five pending Consent Agreements and/or Memorandum of Agreements.

New Business

Application Hearings

9. This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

A. New Funeral Home

1. Cremation Services Direct, LLC – Myrtle Beach – Macy Nicole Burroughs

Ms. Macy N. Burroughs appeared on behalf of Cremation Services Direct, LLC

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Ms. Macy N. Burroughs requests that the Board approve the new facility with her as the manager. Ms. Burroughs, license number FDE.3998, initially licensed on February 28, 2017 resides 6.2 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Cremation Services Direct, LLC is the owner with Macy Nicole Burroughs as the sole member.

The Board questioned Ms. Burroughs regarding this matter. Ms. Burroughs confirmed that she read and understands the statute and laws.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion to approve the new facility with Ms. Burroughs as the manager pending final inspection. Dr. DuPre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Davis Funeral Home – Hartsville – Wendell Davis

Mr. Wendall Davis appeared before the Board on behalf of Davis Funeral Home.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Wendall Davis requests that the Board approve the new facility with him as the manager. Mr. Davis, license number FDE.2343, initially licensed on January 24, 1997 resides 6.4 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Davis Brothers Funeral Home, LLC is the owner with Wendell Davis as the sole member. The Board questioned Mr. Davis regarding this matter. Mr. Davis confirmed that he read and understands the statute and laws.

MOTION

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the new facility with Mr. Davis as the manager pending final inspection. Mr. Horton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. Change of Ownership

1. Parks Funeral Home, Inc. – Summerville – Paula Parks Wicker

Ms. Paula Parks Wicker appeared before the Board on behalf of Parks Funeral Home, Inc.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Ms. Paula Wicker requests that the Board approve the change of ownership with her continuing as manager. Ms. Wicker, license number FD.2515, initially licensed on April 18, 1999 resides 3.7 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the facility's owner remains the same, Parks Funeral Home, Inc.; however, the shareholders have changed with Paula Parks Wicker and James B. Parks being the only shareholders. Mr. John B. Parks, III, former shareholder, sold his shares to Paula P. Wicker. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Ms. Wicker is asking to retain the current facility's license number.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion to approve the change of ownership. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. Mr. Baxter, Mr. Horton, Ms. Cooper, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Dickerson, and Dr. DuPre voted "yea." Mr. Nelson abstained.

Mr. Nelson asked that the Board go into executive session to seek legal advice for clarity in this matter

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. McMillan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Baxter made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Gray noted, for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Gray called for a motion in this matter.

MOTION

Mr. Horton rescinded his previous motion and made a motion that the Board approves the change of ownership with Ms. Wicker remaining as manager and that the facility retains its current license number, pending a favorable letter from South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board recessed for 5 minutes.

C. Change of Manager

1. Cannon Funeral Home – Fountain Inn – James Wesley Davis
2. Golden Strip Cremation Services – Simpsonville – James Wesley Davis
3. Heritage Funeral Services – Simpsonville – James Wesley Davis

Mr. James Wesley Davis and Mr. Andy Byrd appeared before the Board on behalf of Cannon Funeral Home, Golden Strip Cremation Services, and Heritage Funeral Services.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the applications are complete. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Cannon-Byrd, LLC is the owner of Heritage Funeral Services and Cannon Funeral Home with members, Andrew Byrd and James A. Cannon; however, Cannon-Byrd II, LLC is the owner of Cannon Funeral Home with Andrew Byrd and James A. Cannon as members. Ms. Holleman stated that Mr. Davis is requesting to be manager of these facilities.

Ms. Holleman, referencing the August 3, 2010 Board's interpretation that a manager is allowed to manager more than one facility if the manager meets all the requirements by law and the facilities are owned by the same entity, even if the facilities do not share the same name, stated that these facilities do not meet these requirement. Ms. Holleman stated that according to the 2010 interpretation, separate entities having the same members that own two or more funeral establishments, due to the facilities having different ownership, must be managed by separate managers. Therefore, the administrator was unable to approve the applications.

Mr. Byrd addressed the Board and stated that the entity, Cannon-Byrd, LLC II has additional minority members/investors. Mr. Byrd informed the Board that Cannon-Byrd, LLC, and Cannon-Byrd II, LLC do not have the same members. He explained the purchase transitions to the Board. The Board questioned Mr. Byrd regarding this matter.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Dickerson made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice and asked that the Administrator attend. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Dickerson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Gray noted, for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Gray called for a motion in this matter.

Mr. Elam stated for the record, the Board asked that Ms. Amy Holleman, Board Administrator attend the Executive sessions for the above referenced hearings (#C1, 2 & 3) and Parks Funeral Home, Inc.

MOTION

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board approves the applications for Heritage Funeral Services and Golden Strip Cremation Services with Mr. James Wesley Davis as the manager and that the Board deny the application for Cannon Funeral Home in that the entities do not share the same ownership. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. **Morris Funeral Home – Bennettsville – De’Aron Martell Smith**

Mr. De’Aron Martell Smith and Ms. Tracey McLeod appeared before the Board on the behalf of Morris Funeral Home.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. De’Aron Martell Smith requests that the Board approve him as the manager. Mr. Smith, license number FDE.3416, initially licensed on October 3, 2008 resides 15.8 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the facility is operating under the Estate of James S. McLeod which is currently in probate.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Mr. Smith currently has full-time employment with a separate company and will continue to do so along with managing the facility. Due to his additional employment staff does not have the authority to approve the application.

The Board questioned Mr. Smith and Ms. McLeod regarding this matter.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. McMillan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Mr. Horton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. McMillan made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Gray noted, for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Gray called for a motion in this matter.

MOTION

Mr. McMillan made a motion that the Board approves the change of manager application with Mr. De’Aron Martell Smith as the manager of Morris Funeral Home. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. **The Lowcountry Mortuary, LLC – North Charleston – Coakley Alphonso Hilton**

Mr. Coakley Alphonso Hilton appeared before the Board on behalf of The Lowcountry Mortuary, LLC.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Coakley Alphonso Hilton requests that the Board approve him as the manager of The Lowcountry Mortuary, LLC. Mr. Hilton license number FD.1853, initially licensed on August 28, 1984 resides 8.7 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that The Lowcountry Mortuary, LLC is the owner with Coakley Alphonso Hilton as the sole member. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Mr. Hilton’s license was under suspension from June 12, 2017 to June 12, 2019 which he renewed during the 2018 renewal period allowing a continuation of licensure without lapsing.

The Board questioned Mr. Coakley regarding this matter. Mr. Hilton confirmed that he read and understands the statute and laws.

MOTION

Mr. Nelson made a motion that the Board approves the change of manager application with Mr. Coakley Alphonso Hilton as the manager of The Lowcountry Mortuary, LLC. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Licensure by Endorsement

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

1. Cory Alan Braatz - Pennsylvania

Mr. Cory Alan Braatz and Mr. Byron Keith Kenworthy appeared before the Board on Mr. Braatz's behalf.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete. Mr. Braatz initially licensed March 9, 2018 as a Funeral Director/Embalmer in Pennsylvania. The license is active in good standings. Mr. Braatz does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Mr. Braatz completed a 12 month apprenticeship in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Braatz attended Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, Pittsburgh, PA, receiving his degree in Funeral Service Art & Sciences on February 3, 2017. Mr. Braatz passed the National Board Examination in Science on February 3, 2017 and the National Board in Arts on January 28, 2017.

The Board questioned Mr. Braatz regarding this matter.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Dickerson made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Mr. Horton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Baxter made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Dr. DuPre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Gray noted, for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Gray called for a motion in this matter.

MOTION

Ms. Cooper made a motion to deny Mr. Braatz's licensure by endorsement application and that Mr. Braatz serve a one year apprenticeship that would include meeting the 25 special case requirements and pass the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service law exam. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. McMillan made a motion to amend the agenda moving item #12 next on the agenda due scheduling with Ms. Holly Beeson. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board continued the agenda outline while awaiting Ms. Beeson's arrival at the meeting.

11. Funeral Director and/or Embalmer Application

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

1. Joseph Edward Demerly

Mr. Joseph Edward Demerly appeared before the Board on his own behalf.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Mr. Demerly served a South Carolina Funeral Director's apprenticeship from August 16, 2017 through August 16, 2019. During this period, Mr. Demerly submitted the quarterly report for October 2017 through December 2017 late and the remaining reports on time. Mr. Demerly has completed his required cases. Ms. Holleman stated that Mr. Demerly is asking that the Board approve his Funeral Director's application and allow him to take the State law exam.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board approves the funeral director application for Mr. Demerly, granting him permission to take the State law exam and upon passing the exam be licensed as a Funeral Director. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Joshua Brian Enlow

Mr. Joshua Brian Enlow appeared before the Board on his own behalf.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Mr. Enlow served his Funeral Director/Embalmer's apprenticeship from August 15, 2017 through August 15, 2019. During this period, Mr. Enlow submitted the quarterly report for January 2018 through March 2018 late and the remaining reports on time.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board approves the funeral director/embalmer's application for Mr. Enlow, granting him permission to take the State law exam. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. LaTonia Monique Davis

Ms. LaTonia Monique Davis appeared before the Board on her own behalf.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete. Ms. Holleman stated that Ms. Davis is asking that the Board accept her apprenticeship and grant permission for her to take the State Board exams.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Ms. LaTonia Monique Davis served her apprenticeship from April 14, 2003 through April 14, 2005 and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Davis is currently employed with Young & Young Funeral Home, Inc. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Ms. Davis attended Colorado Technical College, Colorado Springs, Colorado, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration on September 27, 2008. Ms. Holleman stated that according to statute individuals that complete an apprenticeship but failed to license within five years of the completion date must appear before the Board.

The Board questioned Ms. Davis regarding this matter. Ms. Davis stated that she began her employment at the funeral home in 2003, and after 2009, she took a sabbatical, returning in 2013 to continue working at the establishment. As of today, Ms. Davis continues to work at the funeral home.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Nelson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Dr. DuPre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Gray noted, for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Gray called for a motion in this matter.

MOTION

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board accepts Ms. Davis' application pending Ms. Davis taking and passing all applicable exams within one year of the date of this hearing and if Ms. Davis does not pass the required test, she must reappear before the Board. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

12. Approval of Proposed Amended Language for Regulations 57-15

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Ms. Beeson was present. Ms. Holleman presented the revised language for regulation 57-15(1) to the Board:

57-15(1) An embalming room of at least 100 square feet. Funeral homes in operation prior to April 23, 2010, are exempt from the 100 square foot requirement.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter made a motion that the Board accepts the new language for regulation 57-15(1) to read "An embalming room of at least 100 square feet. Funeral homes in operation prior to April 23, 2010, are exempt from the 100 square foot requirement." Dr. DuPre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Holleman presented the revised language for regulation 57-15(3) to the Board.

57-15(3) Handicapped accessible restrooms and water fountains or accessible paper cup dispensers at any existing inaccessible water fountains; where water fountains or barrier removal are not possible, alternatives such as provision of bottle water should be provided.

The Board discussed the revisions and made a motion to accept the revision with corrections.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter made a motion that the Board approves the revisions to Regulation 57-15(3) pending the addition of the word "throughout" and corrections to punctuations. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

13. Executive Session for Legal Advice, If Needed

14. Public Comments (no votes taken)

15. Adjournment

Mr. Gray called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Gray, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the August 28, 2019 meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service at 1:16 p.m.

The Board meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service will reconvene on tomorrow, August 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at Synergy Business Park, 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 108, Columbia, South Carolina.

Thursday, August 29, 2019

16. Meeting Called to Order

Charvis K. Gray, President, of Columbia, called the regular meeting of the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service to order on August 29, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Other board members present for the meeting included: Stephen L. McMillan, Jr., Vice President, of Myrtle Beach; Darryl Dickerson, Secretary/Treasurer, of Goose Creek; William B. Horton, Jr., of Kingstree; Michelle A. Cooper, of Moncks Corner; Kenneth E. Baxter, Sr., of Greenville; Jeffrey K. Temples, of West Columbia; Eddie J. Nelson, of Blythewood; and Dr. D'Michelle P. DuPre, of Chapin.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Donnell Jennings, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Robert Elam, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel; Amy Holleman, Administrator; Monaca Harrelson, Administrative Assistant; Norma McAllister, Program Assistant; Kathy Meadows, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Courtney Clark, Paralegal, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Tracy Solet, Paralegal, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; and William Poole, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Elizabeth Simmons, South Carolina Morticians Association; Jennie Daniels, South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs; and B. R. Fielding, C.L. Fielding, Constance Person, Arthur C. McFarland, A. O'Neil, Barbara Johnson, Ann Wright, and Sonya M. Whiteside of Fielding Home for Funerals.

A. Public Notice

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B. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

17. Introduction of Board Members and Persons Attending the Meeting

The board members, staff, and all other persons attending the meeting introduced themselves.

18. Approval of Excused Absences

Mr. Stephen R. Gantt and Mr. Landis D. Price II were not in attendance.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion to Mr. Gantt's absence. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion to Mr. Price's absence. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Disciplinary Disciplinary Hearings

19. Review and Action Regarding Consent Agreement (CA)

1. Case No.: 2017-49

Mr. Jennings presented the Consent Agreement to the Board

MOTION

Ms. Cooper made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement. Dr. DuPre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Case No.: 2018-83

3. Case No.: 2018-84

Mr. Jennings presented both of the above Consent Agreements to the Board.

MOTION

Mr. Nelson made a motion to accept the Consent Agreements. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board recessed for five minutes.

20. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

1. Case No.: 2018-81

Mr. Dickerson recused himself.

Donnell Jennings represented the state while Anthony O'Neill and Arthur McFarland represented the Respondent. The Memorandum of Agreement was presented.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion to go into Executive Committee to receive legal advice. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter made a motion to come out of Executive Committee. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Gray noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board accept the facts stipulated in the MOA, conclude the Respondent did not commit misconduct, and dismiss the case. Mr. Baxter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

21. Evidentiary Hearings

1. Case No.: 2018-21

Mr. Donnell represented the state. The Respondent was not present, nor was he represented by counsel.

MOTION

After presentation of the case Dr. DuPre called for a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice. Mr. Baxter seconded and the motion was approved.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter made a motion to come out of Executive Committee. Mr. McMillan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Gray noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board find that the Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. § 40-19-110(1) and § 40-1-110(1)(f). Sanctions imposed are a public reprimand, a \$500 penalty for each statutory violation, and investigation costs of \$160 for a total amount of \$1,160 due within thirty (30) days of the order date, and a permanent revocation of his apprenticeship license.

Mr. Baxter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

22. Election of Officers

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the slate of officers for the next year be Mr. McMillan as President, Mr. Dickerson as Vice President, and Mr. Price as Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Baxter seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Horton thanked Mr. Gray for his service.

23. Executive Session for Legal Advice, If Needed

24. Public Comments (no votes taken)

25. Adjournment

Mr. McMillan called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Price seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. McMillan, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the June 6, 2019 meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service at 2:15 p.m.

The next scheduled Board meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service is October 23-24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at Synergy Business Park, 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 108, Columbia, South Carolina.