

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service**  
**Board Meeting Via Web/Teleconference**

10:00 a.m., August 27, 2020  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Thursday, August 27, 2020**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Darryl Dickerson, Vice-President, of Goose Creek, presiding, called the regular meeting of the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service to order on August 27, 2020 at 10:09 a.m. Other board members present for the meeting included: William Horton, of Kingstree; Dr. D'Michelle P. DuPre, of Chapin; Charvis K. Gray, of Greenville; Eddie J. Nelson, of Blythewood; Kenneth E. Baxter, Sr., of Greenville; Landis Price, II of Leesville; James P. Hodge of Anderson; and Michelle A. Cooper, of Moncks Corner joined the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Staff members present for the meeting included: Donnell Jennings, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Robert Elam, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel; Mary League, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel; Amy Holleman, Administrator; Norma McAllister, Program Assistant; Jeanie Rose, Administrative Assistant; Rodney Pigford, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Eric Thompson, Chief Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; William Poole, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; and Matalie Mickens, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Montez P. Hayes, Willie Stroman and Necole Stroman of Orangeburg Funeral Home, LLC and Orangeburg Funeral Home; James T. Floyd, of Floyd-Goings Funeral Home; Aurelio DuPriest Givens of A. D. Givens Funeral Services, LLC; Leroy Rivers and Carol Holt, of The Ministry of Rivers Funeral Home and Rivers Crematory; Ricky King, Jr.; Rion Rampey, Executive Director, South Carolina Funeral Directors Association; and Adam Birt of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs.

**A. Public Notice**

Mr. Dickerson 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. In accordance with the Governor's directives regarding social distancing, the meeting will be held via video and teleconference. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone. For telephone logon information, please email [contact.funeral@lfr.sc.gov](mailto:contact.funeral@lfr.sc.gov).

**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 L. McMillan, Jr. and Mr. Jeffery K. Temples were not in attendance.

**MOTION**

Mr. Price made a motion to approve the absences. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Excused Absences for IRC members**

Mr. Glen Crawford and Mr. Glen Miller were not in attendance at the Investigative Review Committee meeting.

**MOTION**

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve their absence. Mr. Price seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes from the June 25, 2020 meeting**

The Board reviewed the minutes.

**MOTION**

Mr. Baxter made a motion to approve the June 25, 2020 minutes. Mr. Price seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**6. President’s Remarks**

Mr. Darryl Dickerson, Vice-President, presided in the absence of Mr. McMillian. Mr. Dickson welcomed everyone and offered condolences to those that have lost individuals due to the COVID-19 virus.

**7. Administrator’s Remarks – Amy Holleman**

**A. Financial Report**

Ms. Holleman reported that the Board’s cash balance at the end of July 2020 was -\$256,746.23. Ms. Holleman reminded the Board that renewals been extended through September 2020.

**B. U. S. Census**

Ms. Holleman reminded everyone to complete and file their census form which provides a guidance for federal funding to the state.

**C. Updates – Funeral Establishments – Change of Managers**

<b>FE#</b>	<b>Name of Funeral Establishment (FE) - location</b>	<b>Name of former Manager</b>	<b>Name of former Manager ID</b>	<b>Name of New Manager</b>	<b>Name of New Manager ID</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1053	Palmetto Crematory of Fort Mill	Joshua Ross Heidenreich	FDE.3846	Marvin Dayne Marsh III	FDE.4137	0805/2020
1052	Palmetto Funeral and Cremation Services	Joshua Ross Heidenreich	FDE.3846	Marvin Dayne Marsh III	FDE.4137	08/05/2020
1073	Palmetto Funeral Home and Cremation Services	Joshua Ross Heidenreich	FDE.3846	Marvin Dayne Marsh III	FDE.4137	08/05/2020
1039	Serenity-Murray Mortuary	Cassius Isiah Murray	FDE.2822	Dre'Kevies Deandre' Tribble	FDE.4114	07/22/2020
1049	The Island Funeral Home & Crematory	Sharon Nancy Richardson Stahl	FD.2091	Valerie S Mayer	FD.3312	08/06/2020
1050	The Island Crematory	Sharon Nancy Richardson Stahl	FD.2091	Valerie S Mayer	FD.3312	08/06/2020

**Funeral Establishment Change of location FE#**

<b>FE#</b>	<b>Name of Establishment</b>	<b>Previous Location</b>	<b>New Location</b>	<b>Name of Manager</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
906	The Serenity Mortuary	209 OLD TURKEY RD; SUMMERVILLE	740 N GUM ST. SUMMERVILLE SC 29483	SHANNON N DELOACH	07/21/2020

Ms. Holleman introduced and welcome new Broad member, James “Jay” Hodge.

## 8. Reports

### A. Inspection Report – Matalie Mickens

Ms. Mickens informed the Board that she and Mr. Poole conducted 41 inspections between June 15, 2020 and August 17, 2020.

### B. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report

Board member, Landis Price recused himself.

Mr. Rodney Pigford presented the IRC recommendations to the Board, which are to dismiss cases 2019-44; 2020-23; 2020-25; 2020-34; 2020-40; and 2020-41; issue a letter of caution to cases 2020-54 and 2020-55; and file formal complaints for cases 2020-2; 2020-5; 2020-22; 2020-24; 2020-30; 2020-31; 2020-57; and 2020-28.

Mr. Dickerson called for a motion in this matter.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the IRC report, Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Price rejoined the meeting

### C. Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report

Mr. Pigford presented the OIE report to the Board as follows; there are 26 active investigations, three cases have been closed, six do not open cases, 25 cases pending Board action, seven pending Complaint Analyst Review, two pending drafting Consent Agreement, six pending drafting formal complaint and one pending IRC.

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

Mr. Jennings stated there are 45 open cases; 25 pending action, 13 pending CAs or MOAs, four pending rescheduling of hearings, two pending hearings, and one is pending final order.

## New Business

### Application Hearings

#### 9. A. **New Funeral Home**

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

Mr. Dickerson confirming with the Administrator, Ms. Holleman, that Orangeburg Funeral Home, LLC, and Orangeburg Funeral Home are under the same ownership, heard the applications simultaneously.

1. Orangeburg Funeral Home, LLC – Montez PrentesVachard Haynes
2. Orangeburg Funeral Home – Branch – Montez PrentesVachard Haynes

Mr. Montez Haynes, Mr. Willie Stroman and Ms. Nicole Stroman appeared before the Board on behalf of Orangeburg Funeral Home, LLC and Orangeburg Funeral Home.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Hayes requests that the Board approve the new facilities with him as the manager. Mr. Haynes, license number FD.3965, initially licensed on October 17, 2016, resides 3 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Orangeburg Funeral Home LLC is the owner with members Montez Haynes, Willie C. Stroman, and Robert Bethea.

The Board questioned Mr. Haynes regarding this matter. Mr. Hayes informed the Board that upon the Board's approval of the new facility applications he plans to submit his resignation to his current employer.

**MOTION**

Mr. Baxter made a motion that the Board approves the new facility applications pending a favorable letter from South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. Dr DuPre seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The Board clarified the motion to state that a new facility that does not require the favorable letter. Mr. Baxter amended his motion approving the new facility applications pending passing the final inspection. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Floyd-Goings Funeral Home, LLC – Laurens – James Thomas Floyd, Jr.

Mr. James Thomas Floyd, Jr. appeared on behalf of Floyd-Goings Funeral Home, LLC

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete; however, staff questioned the zoning document in which Mr. Floyd will explain to the Board. Ms. Holleman stated that Mr. Floyd is requesting that the Board approve the new facility with him as the manager. Mr. Floyd, license number FD.3965, initially licensed on March 20, 1998, resides 11.3 miles from the facility. Mr. Floyd does have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the owner of the facility is Floyd-Goings Funeral Home, LLC.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Mr. Floyd would be operating out of the building previously owned by Alpha Shine Funeral Home and the occupant prior to Alpha Shine was Goins Funeral Home. In consideration of the proposed name, Floyd-Goings, Ms. Holleman asked that the Board to provide guidance if the name would be a misrepresentation to the public or perceived as false advertising.

The Board questioned Mr. Floyd regarding this matter.

Mr. Floyd informed the Board that the new facility will operate in a building previously approved as a funeral establishment. He explained that according to the county's zoning ordinance the building is grandfathered in as non-confirming, which means that it can only operate in its' previously approved capacity as a funeral establishment.

Mr. Floyd explained that in regards to the name, it refers to the adverb/verb of "going". This references a going home or sometimes referred to as a going home celebration.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION**

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

**Return to Public Session**

**MOTION**

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

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

Mr. Dickerson called for a motion in this matter

**MOTION**

Mr. Price asked advice counsel to read the motion which stated that the Board approves the new facility application as presented by Mr. Floy pending inspections and changing the name of the facility. The Board does not approve of the name of the facility based on 40-19-30. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Floyd questioned the Board regarding the motion and proposed a new name, F&G Funeral Home with the FEIN. The Board discussed issues regarding the submission of the new name.

#### **Executive Session**

##### **MOTION**

Mr. Nelson made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **Return to Public Session**

##### **MOTION**

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

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

Mr. Dickerson called for a motion in this matter.

##### **MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion to retract the previous motion to approve the application. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

##### **MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion to deny the application. Mr. Horton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Nelson made a motion that the Board takes a brief recess. Dr. DuPre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **4. A. D. Givens Funeral Services, LLC – Camden - Aurelio DuPriest Givens**

Mr. Aurelio DuPriest Givens appeared before the Board on behalf of A. D. Givens Funeral Services, LLC.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete; however, due to the obstacles occurring during this pandemic, Mr. Givens was unable to obtain his SLED report prior to the Board meeting. He is requesting that the Board approves the new facility with him as the manager. Mr. Givens, license number FD.3233, initially licensed on January 6, 2006, resides 12.2 miles from the facility. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that A. D. Givens Funeral Services, LLC is the owner with sole member, Aurelio DuPriest Givens.

The Board questioned Mr. Givens regarding this matter. Mr. Dickerson, after ensuring no further discussions regarding this matter, called for a motion.

##### **MOTION**

Mr. Horton made a motion to approve the new facility application pending passing final inspection and a favorable SLED report.

Mr. Dickerson, after confirming with the Administrator that both, The Ministry of Rivers Funeral Home and The Rivers Crematory are under the same ownership, stated that the Board will hear

both simultaneously.

Mr. Horton left the meeting.

#### **10. Change of Ownership**

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

1. The Ministry of Funeral Home – Goose Creek – Leroy Rivers

Mr. Leroy Rivers appeared before the Board on behalf of The Ministry of Funeral Home.

#### **11. New Crematory**

1. Rivers Crematory – Goose Creek – Leroy Rivers

Mr. Leroy Rivers appeared before the Board on behalf of Rivers Crematory.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the applications are complete and Mr. River is requesting that the Board approves the change of ownership/control and new crematory with him as the manager. Mr. Rivers is asking to retain the current facility number for The Ministry of Funeral Home. Mr. Rivers number FDE.1168, initially licensed on July 28, 1966, resides 6 miles from the funeral establishment. Mr. Rivers does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Rivers Funeral Home, LLC is the owner of the facilities with Mr. Rivers as the sole member.

The Board questioned Mr. Rivers regarding this matter.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Nelson made a motion that the Board approves both facilities with Mr. Leroy Rivers as the manager. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Baxter made a motion that the Board's approval of both facilities is pending passing final inspection and a favorable South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs letter. The Board approves the retention of the current license number for The Ministry of Funeral Home. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dr. DuPre left the meeting.

#### **12. 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. Ricky King, Jr.

Mr. Ricky King, Jr. appeared before the Board on his own behalf.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete. Ms. Holleman stated that Mr. King is asking that the Board accepts his Funeral Director's application.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Mr. King initially began his apprenticeship, November 5, 2010 and completed the apprenticeship on November 5, 2012. Mr. Shannon does not have a criminal record. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Mr. King attended Morris College, Sumter, South Carolina receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice on May 8, 2010. Mr. King has maintained part-time employment with Job's Mortuary from December 5, 2005 to present.

The Board questioned Mr. King regarding this matter. Mr. King addressed the Board and

stated that due his working two jobs, completing his education, and providing extension care to an ill family member he was unable to complete his studies for the exam. He stated that his circumstances have substantially improved and he now able to move forward toward obtaining his Funeral Director's license. He is asking that the Board accepts his funeral director's application.

### **Executive Session**

#### **MOTION**

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

### **Return to Public Session**

#### **MOTION**

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

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

Mr. Dickerson called for a motion in this matter.

#### **MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion to accept the application pending Mr. King passes all required exams within one year from September 1, 2020 and if he does not pass the exam within one year he will continue to take the exam until such time he passes the exam. If he passes the exams after September 1, 2021 he is required to appear before the Board in order to receive approval for his Funeral Director's license. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Dickerson left the meeting and Mr. Price presided.

## **13. Regulations**

Ms. Holleman stated that the Boards have been directed to review regulations to determine if the regulations support the statute or does a regulation conflict with the statute. Ms. Holleman asked to provide a course of direction for meeting this task. The Board discussed the matter and determined that a Regulation Task Force should be appointed consisting of the advice attorney, the administrator, and an elected Board member.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Baxter made a motion that the Board elects Mr. Nelson as a Regulatory Task Force member. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **14. Election of Officers**

Ms. Holleman opened the floor for the President's nomination. Mr. Price nominated Mr. Darryl Dickerson for the President. Mr. Baxter seconded the nomination, with no other nominees the nomination passed unanimously.

Mr. Price presiding opened the floor for the nominees for the Vice-President. Mr. Nelson nominated Mr. Landis Price, II for Vice-President. Mr. Baxter seconded the nomination, with no other nominees the nomination passed unanimously.

Mr. Price opened the floor for nominees for the Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Baxter nominated Ms. Michelle Cooper. Mr. Nelson seconded the nomination, with no other nominees the nomination passed unanimously.

**15. Executive Session for Legal Advice, If Needed**

**16. Public Comments (no votes taken)**

**17. Adjournment**

Mr. Price called for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION**

Mr. Baxter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Price, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the August 27, 2020 meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service at 1:48 p.m.

The next scheduled Board meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service is October 27-28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.