

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service**  
**Board Meeting**

10:00 a.m., October 28, 2021  
Via Web/Teleconference  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Landis Price, II, President, of Leesville, presiding, called the regular meeting of the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service to order on October 27, 2021 at 10:03 a.m. Other board members present for the meeting included; Kenneth E. Baxter, Sr., Vice-President, of Greenville; James P. Hodge, Secretary/Treasurer, of Anderson; Darryl Dickerson, of Goose Creek; Dr. D'Michelle P. DuPre, of Chapin; Gregory Evans, of Newberry; Charvis K. Gray, of Greenville; Eddie J. Nelson, of Blythewood; and William B. Taylor, of Chesterfield. Ms. Michele A. Cooper, of Moncks Corner arrived at 10:19 a.m.

Staff members present for the meeting included: Erin Baldwin, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Kyle Tennis, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel; Donnell Jennings, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel; Amy Holleman, Administrator; Norma McAllister, Program Assistant; Rodney Pigford, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Jennifer Stillwell, Chief Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; William Poole, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Matalie Mickens, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Wanda Cooke, Administrative Coordinator; and Jack Beasley, Assistant Deputy Director.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Draper G. Myers, of Draper G. Myers Mortuary, LLC; Howard Rogers and Kelvin T. McGeachy of S & L Funeral Services, LLC; James Kelcey Dickinson and Robert B. Raines, of Shives Funeral Home, Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel and Shives Funeral Home and Crematorium; Charles W. Powell, of Water-Powell Funeral Home, Inc.; Fred D. Garrett, Jr., Herbert Evans, Ernest Adam, and Charles Verdin, Attorney, for Watkins-Garrett-Woods Mortuary, J C Moore Funeral Home, and WGW-JC Moore Crematory; Beverley Price Kennedy, of Kennedy Crematory; William Allen Galloway Allen, of Regional Crematory Center; William E. Norton, of Norton Crematory; Adam Birr, South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs; and Rion Rampey, South Carolina Funeral Directors' Association.

**A. Public Notice**

Mr. Price 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. 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@llr.sc.gov](mailto:contact.funeral@llr.sc.gov).

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Price called for a motion to approve the agenda.

**MOTION**

Dr. DuPre made a motion that the Board approves the agenda for today's Board meeting. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**3. Introduction of Board Members and Staff Attending the Meeting**

The board members and staff attending the meeting introduced themselves.

**4. Approval of Excused Absences**

Mr. Stephen McMillan was not in attendance.

**MOTION**

Dr. DuPre made a motion to approve Mr. McMillan’s absence. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

**5. Approval of Excused Absences for IRC Members**

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Ms. Elizabeth Simmons was unable to attend the IRC meeting

**MOTION**

Mr. Gray made a motion to approve Ms. Simmons’ absence. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**6. Approval of Minutes from the August 26, 2021 meetings**

The Board reviewed the minutes.

**MOTION**

Mr. Baxter made a motion to approve the August 26, 2021 minutes. Dr. DuPre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

**7. President’s Remarks – Darryl Dickerson**

Mr. Price welcomed everyone in attendance and the new Board member, Mr. Brent Taylor.

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

**A. Financial Report**

Ms. Holleman reported that the Board’s cash balance at the end of September 2021 was -\$278,215.24.

**B. Updates – Funeral Establishments**

**Change of Managers**

FE#	Name of Funeral Establishment (FE) – location	Name of Former Manager	Name of New Manager	Effective Date
142	WATERS-POWELL FH INC	CHARLES W. POWELL SR.	CHARLES W. POWELL JR.	08/04/2021
275	FLOYD FUNERAL HOME INC	DONN KELLY FLOYD	PATRICK GARY GOODWIN	10/01/2021
1035	AVINGER FUNERAL HOME	BRANIGAN LEANNE KIZER	GREGORY P. BROUSSARD	10/01/2021
1085	AVINGER CREMATORY	BRANIGAN LEANNE KIZER	GREGORY P. BROUSSARD	10/01/2021
579	MACKEY FUNERAL & CREMATIONS AT WOODLAWN MEMORIAL PARK	KEVIN LAWRENCE BOUDLE	THOMAS MICHAEL REYNOLDS	10/01/2021
969	THE PALMETTO MORTUARY	MATTHEW JAMES ARMSTRONG	NATALIE LYNN GOGLIA	10/21/2021
1084	J P HOLLEY FUNERAL HOME NE	FREDERICK DAVIS	JOHNATHAN HOLLEY	10/27/2021

**Funeral Establishment New Branch**

FE#	Name of Funeral Establishment (Branch)	Parent Facility	Branch Location	Name of Manager	Effective Date
1103	FLETCHER FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICE INC	FLETCHER FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICE INC	6995 HWY 101 WOODRUFF SC 29388	FRANCIS ALLAN FLETCHER	09/01/2021

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that between August 26, 2021 and October 27, 2021 staff issued licenses for two funeral director and embalmers, four funeral director apprentices, 12 dual apprentices, two funeral director and embalmers; four dual student; one embalmer apprentice, and 15 embalmer students.

## 9. Reports

### A. Inspection Report – Matalie Mickens

Mr. Poole informed the Board that he and Ms. Mickens conducted 112 inspections between August 15, 2021 and October 13, 2021.

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

Mr. Rodney Pigford presented the October 4, 2021 IRC recommendations to the Board, which are to dismiss cases 2021-38, 2021-39, 2018-4, 2018-9, 2021-34, 2018-95, and 2021-45; and file formal complaints for cases 2021-31, 2020-44, 2021-35, 2021-37, and 2021-57.

Mr. Price called for a motion in this matter.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Baxter made a motion that the Board approves the IRC recommendations. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Pigford stated that the Office of Investigation and Enforcement received 57 complaints between January 1, 2021 and October 12, 2021. There are currently 11 active investigations and 20 closed cases as of October 26, 2021.

### D. Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report

Ms. Baldwin presented the ODC report to the Board stating that as of October 12, 2021 there were 56 open cases; 24 pending hearings and agreements; two cases closed since the last report, and 21 cases closed since January 1, 2021. Ms. Baldwin introduced, Ms. Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, newly assigned to the Funeral Board.

## Application Hearings

### 10. Funeral Establishment

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

#### A. New Facility

##### 1. Draper G. Myers Mortuary, LLC – Florence – Draper G. Myers

Mr. Draper G. Myers appeared before the Board on behalf of Draper G. Myers Mortuary, LLC.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Myers is requesting that the Board approve the new facility with him as the manager. Mr. Myers, license number FD.3957, initially licensed on June 14, 2016 resides 16 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Draper G. Myers Mortuary, LLC is the owner of the facility with Mr. Draper Myers as the sole member.

The Board questioned Mr. Myers regarding this matter. After ensuring Mr. Drapers completed his address to the Board and the Board completed its questioning, Mr. Price called for a disposition in this matter.

#### **MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board approves the new facility, Draper G. Myers Mortuary, LLC with Mr. Myers as the manager pending the facility passing the final inspection. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. S & L Funeral Service LLC & Reid’s Memorial Chapel – Cheraw – Howard Rogers  
Mr. Howard Rogers and Mr. Kelvin McGeachy appeared before the Board on behalf of S & L Funeral Services, LLC.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Rogers is requesting that the Board approve the new facility with him as the manager. Mr. Rogers, license number FD.1491, initially licensed on August 3, 1976 resides t miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that S & L Funeral Service LLC is the owner of the facility with members Kelvin T. and Angelia McGeachy.

The Board questioned Mr. Rogers regarding this matter. After ensuring that Mr. Rogers completed his address to the Board and the Board completed is questioning, Mr. Price called for a disposition in this matter.

**MOTION**

Mr. Baxter made a motion that the Board approves the new facility, S & L Funeral Service LLC with Mr. Rogers as the manager pending the facility passing the final inspection. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board heard 10 B1 through B3 simultaneously. There were no objections.

**B. Change of Ownership**

1. Shives Funeral Home – Columbia – James Kelcey Dickerson
2. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel – Columbia – James Kelcey Dickinson
3. Shives Funeral Home and Crematorium – Columbia – James Kelcey Dickinson

Mr. James Kelcey Dickinson and Mr. Robert Brooks Raines appeared before the Board on behalf or Shives Funeral Home, Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, and Shives Funeral Home and Crematorium.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the applications are complete and that Mr. Dickinson is requesting that the Board approve the change of ownership with him as the manager. Mr. Dickinson, license number FDE.3236, initially licensed on December 9, 2005 resides 10.1 miles and 4.8 miles, from each facility, respectfully, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Raines and Dickinson Investments, LLC is the owner with members, James Kelcey Dickinson and Robert Brooks Raines. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that staff received the pre-need favorable letter from the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs.

The Board questioned Mr. Dickinson regarding this matter.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION**

Mr. Nelson 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**

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

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

**MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board approves the change of ownership for Shives Funeral Home, Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, and Shives Funeral Home and Crematorium with James Kelcey Dickinson as the manager of record. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board recess for 10 minutes.

4. Water-Powell Funeral Home, Inc. – Florence – Charles W. Powell, Jr.

Mr. Charles W. Powell, Jr. appeared before the Board on behalf of Water-Powell Funeral Home, Inc.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Powell is requesting that the Board approve the change of ownership with him as the manager. Mr. Powell, license number FDE.1966, initially licensed on September 21, 1997 resides 5.5 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the owner of the facility is Waters-Powell funeral Home Inc.

The Board questioned Mr. Powell regarding this matter.

**MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board approves the change of ownership with Mr. Powell as the manager of record pending favorable letter from South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion and Mr. Gray seconded that the Board approves the facility retaining the current license number. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board heard 10 B5 and B6 simultaneously. There were no objections

5. Watkins-Garrett-Woods Mortuary – Greenville- Fred Douglas Garrett, Jr.

6. J C Moore Funeral Home – Easley – Fred Douglas Garrett, Jr.

Mr. Fred Garrett, Mr. Herbert Evans, Mr. Ernest Adams, and Attorney Charles Verdin, appeared on behalf of Watkins-Garrett-Woods Mortuary and J C Moore Funeral Home.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete. Mr. Garrett is asking the Board to approve the change of ownership with him as the manager of record and to retain the current license number for each facility. Mr. Garrett, license number FDE.1962, initially licensed on July 8, 1987 resides 4.5 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the owner of the facility is Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, Inc.

The Board questioned Mr. Garrett regarding this matter.

**MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board approves the change of ownership with Mr. Garrett as the manager of record pending passing final inspection and a favorable letter from South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs; and that the Board approves the facilities retaining the current license numbers. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**C. New Crematory**

1. WGW-JC Moore Crematory – Easley – Fred Douglas Garrett, Jr.

Mr. Fred Garrett, Mr. Herbert Evans, Mr. Ernest Adams, and Attorney Charles Verdin, appeared on behalf of WGW-JC Moore Crematory.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Garrett is asking the Board to approve the new crematory with him as the manager of record. Mr. Garrett, license number FDE.1962, initially licensed on July 8, 1987 resides 14.1 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the owner of the facility is Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, Inc.

The Board questioned Mr. Garrett regarding this matter.

**MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board approves the new crematory with Mr. Garrett as the manager of record pending passing final inspection. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Kennedy Crematory – Laurens – Beverley Price Kennedy

Mr. Beverley Price Kennedy appeared on behalf of Kennedy Crematory.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Kennedy is asking the Board to approve the new crematory with him as manager of record. Mr. Kennedy, licensed number FDE.3162, initially licensed on January 24, 2005, resides 8 miles from the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the owner of the facility is Kennedy Mortuary, Inc.

The Board questioned Mr. Kennedy regarding this matter.

**MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board approves the new crematory with Mr. Kennedy as the manager of record pending passing final inspection. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Regional Crematory Center – Ridgeland – William Allen Galloway Allen

Mr. William Allen Galloway Allen appeared before the Board on behalf of Regional Crematory Center.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Allen is asking the Board to approve the new crematory with him as manager of record. Mr. Allen, licensed number FDE.1427, initially licensed on July 10, 1975, resides at the facility, and does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the owner of the facility is Allen Funeral Home, Inc. with shareholders, William A. Galloway Allen and Vivian Galloway.

The Board questioned Mr. Allen regarding this matter

**MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board approves the new crematory with Mr. Allen as the manager of record pending passing final inspection. Dr. DuPre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Norton Crematory – Hartsville – William E. Norton

Mr. William E. Norton appeared before the Board on behalf of Norton Crematory.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Norton is asking the Board to approve the new crematory with him as manager of record. Mr. Norton, licensed number FDE.1265, initially licensed on August 11, 1970, resides a half mile from the facility, and does not

have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the owner of the facility is Norton Funeral Home, Inc.

The Board questioned Mr. Norton regarding this matter.

**MOTION**

Dr. DuPre made a motion that the Board approves the new crematory with Mr. Norton as the manager of record pending passing final inspection. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**11. Funeral Director and/or Embalmer**

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

**A. Extension of Apprenticeship**

1. Benjamin Hunter Pratt

Mr. Benjamin Hunter Pratt and Mr. Dwayne Pratt appeared on his own behalf.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Mr. Pratt is asking that the Board approve his Funeral Director and Embalmer's apprenticeship certificate while taking the examinations. Ms. Holleman stated that Mr. Pratt completed his apprenticeship in 2015; however, he does have one more year to extend as allowed by statute.

Mr. Pratt addressed the Board and answered questions regarding this matter. He asked the Board to approve the renewal of his Funeral Director and Embalmer apprenticeship certificate.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION**

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

**Return to Public Session**

**MOTION**

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

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

**MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board approves the apprenticeship extension for one year in which Mr. Pratt must take and successfully pass the required Funeral Director and Embalmer exams. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**12. Apprentice Quarterly Report Task Review**

Ms. Holleman asked that the Board form a Task Review to revise, if needed the current quarterly report form. The Board discussed the revision of the quarterly report form, deciding to assign a Quarterly Report Review Task Force to review this matter, and reports its recommendations to the full Board.

**MOTION**

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Quarterly Report Task Force members would be Mr. Tennis, Advice Counsel, Ms. Holleman, Board Administrator, and Board members, Mr. Hodge and Mr. Nelson. Mr. Gray seconded the motion.

**13. Approval of the 2022 Board Meeting Dates/Calendar**

Ms. Holleman read the proposed meeting date. Mr. Price called for a motion.

<b>2022 SC State Board of Funeral Service Meeting Dates</b>		
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
February	Thursday, February 16, 2022 Friday, February 17, 2022	107 & 108
April	Wednesday, April 27, 2022 Thursday, April 28, 2022	107 & 108
June	Wednesday, June 22, 2022 Thursday, June 23, 2022	107 & 108
August	Wednesday, August 31, 2022 Thursday, September 1, 2022	107 & 108
October	Wednesday, October 19, 2022 Thursday, October 20, 2022	107 & 108
December	Wednesday, December 7, 2022 Thursday, December 8, 2022	107 & 108

**MOTION**

Mr. Baxter made a motion and Dr. DuPre seconded the motion that the Board approves the 2022 meeting Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

**16. Adjournment**

Mr. Price called for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION**

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

Mr. Price, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the October 28, 2021 meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service at 1:28 p.m.

The next scheduled Board meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service is December 1 & 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.