

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

10:00 a.m., October 19, 2022  
Synergy Business Park  
110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Building Room 108  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

James P. Hodge, President, of Anderson, called the meeting of the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service to order on October 19, 2022 at 10:25 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

James P. Hodge, President, of Anderson  
Gregory E. Evans, Secretary/Treasurer, of Newberry  
Michele A. Cooper, of Moncks Corner  
Darryl Dickerson, of Goose Creek  
Eddie J. Nelson, of Blythewood  
Landis Price, II, of Leesville  
William B. Taylor, of Chesterfield  
Thomas J. Wright, IV, of Beaufort.

**SCDLLR Staff Present:**

Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Mary League, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel  
Amy Holleman, Administrator  
Norma McAllister, Program Assistant  
Beverly Gould, Paralegal, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Xaiver Keitt, Media Resource Technician, Web Development Division

**Members of the Public:**

Chardale Murray, of Murray's Mortuary  
Wallace McKnight, Jr., of McKnight-Fraser Funeral Home

**A. Public Notice**

Mr. Hodge announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree 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. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by live streaming at <https://llr.sc.gov/fs/videos.aspx>.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Price made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, to approve the October 19, 2022 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The board members and staff introduced themselves.

### **4. Approval of Excused Absences**

Ms. Thoma Williams and Mr. Kenneth Baxter, Sr. were not in attendance.

**MOTION:** Mr. Nelson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Price, to approve the absences. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Application Hearings**

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

### **5. Funeral Establishment**

#### **A. Change of Ownership**

1. Murray's Mortuary – North Charleston – Chardale R. Murray

#### **B. New Funeral Home/Branch**

1. Murray's Mortuary – Hollywood – Chardale R. Murray

The Board heard the above applications simultaneously. Ms. Chardale Murray appeared before the Board on behalf of Murray's Mortuary.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete and that Ms. Murray is asking that the Board approve the change of ownership with the parent facility retaining its current license number and the new branch location with her as the manager. Ms. Murray, license number license number Fe.2653, initially licensed on March 26, 2001, resides 19.8 and 3 miles, respectively from the parent and branch facilities. Ms. Holleman informed that Board that Ms. Murray does not have a criminal background. Ms. Holleman stated that Murray's Mortuary LLC is the owner of the facilities with members Chardale R. Murray and Charlie L. Murray.

Ms. Murray responded to questioning from the Board. After concluding there were no other statements and/or questions, Mr. Hodge called for a disposition in this matter.

**MOTION:** Ms. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. DuPre, that the Board approves the change of ownership and the new branch with the parent facility retaining its current license number pending both facilities pass the final inspection. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Disciplinary Hearings**

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

### **6. A. Consent Agreement**

1. Case Nos.: 2022-55 & 2022-56

Ms. Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, presented the Consent Agreement.

Mr. Hodge called for questions. The board posed no questions; therefore, Mr. Hodge called for a disposition in this matter.

**MOTION:** Mr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Dr. DuPre, which carried unanimously that the Board accepts the Consent Agreement.

## **B. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)**

### **1. Case Nos.: 2020-59 and 2020-60**

Ms. Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Memorandum of Agreement stating that both parties agreed to the stipulation of facts. The Respondent appeared before the Board without legal representation.

The Respondent addressed the Board and the Board questioned the Respondent regarding this matter. Dr. DuPre excused herself at 11:04 a.m. The State and the respondent gave closing statements. Dr. DuPre returned at 11:09 a.m.

Mr. Hodge called for a motion to go into executive session to seek legal advice. Dr. DuPre did not participate in the Executive Session.

#### **Executive Session**

**Motion:** Mr. Price 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. Dickerson made a motion that the Board come out of Executive Session. Mr. Price seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Hodge 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, seconded by Mr. Evans that the Board accepts the Memorandum of Agreement; impose a public reprimand with a \$500 fine for each violation totaling \$1000 payable within 30 days of the date of the signed final order. The motion carried by the majority. Dr. DuPre abstained.

## **7. Adjournment**

Mr. Hodge called for a motion to adjourn the October 19, 2022 Funeral Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Price made a motion and Mr. Dickerson seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hodge, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the October 19, 2022 meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service at 11:27 a.m.

The next scheduled Board meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service is October 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.