

MINUTES
South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service
Board Meeting

10:00 a.m., April 26, 2023
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

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<https://lr.sc.gov/fs/videos.aspx>

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

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 April 26, 2023 at 10:02 a.m.

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, 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. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hodge called for a motion to approve the agenda with the modification that the Consent Agreement, Case Nos.: 2022-123 & 2022-120 have been rescheduled.

MOTION: Dr. DuPre made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, which carried unanimously that the Board approves today's agenda.

3. Introduction of Board Members and Staff Attending the Meeting

The board members and staff introduced themselves.

Board Members Present:

James P. Hodge, President, of Anderson
Thoma L. Williams, Vice-President, of Sumter
Gregory E. Evans, Secretary/Treasurer, of Newberry
Michele A. Cooper, of Moncks Corner
Darryl Dickerson, of Goose Creek
Dr. D'Michelle P. DuPre, Chapin
Wayne K. Pratt, Sr., of Newberry
Landis Price, II, of Leesville
William E. Taylor, of Chesterfield
Thomas J. Wright, IV, of Beaufort

SCDLLR Staff Present:

Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Kyle Tennis, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel
Amy Holleman, Administrator
Norma McAllister, Program Assistant
Kristina Zepp, Administrative Assistant
Xavier Keitt, Media Resource Technician, Web Development Division

Members of the Public:

William Charles Henryhand, of Henryhand Funeral Home
Alpha Henryhand, of Henryhand Funeral Home
Ivori Henryhand, of Henryhand Funeral Home
Myra J. Richardson, Redmond-Richardson Funeral Home
William E. Jenkinson, III, Esquire, of Jenkinson, Kellahan, Thompson & Reynolds, P.A.

4. Approval of Excused Absences

All Board members were in attendance.

Disciplinary Hearings

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

Because of Respondents’ and disciplinary counsel availability at the time of the hearings, the Board initially called Case Nos.: 2022-90 and 2022-107, but then tabled it to later in the meeting due to all witnesses for Respondent not being present.

MOTION: Dr. DuPre made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to table Case Nos.: 2022-90 and 2022-107 for later on the agenda.

The Board then heard the MOA for Case Nos. 2020-15 and 2020-16, followed by the MOA for Case Nos. 2022-90 and 2022-107. Finally, the Consent Agreement for Case No. 2022-44 was presented.

5. A. Consent Agreement (CA)

1. Case No.: 2022-44

Ms. Erin Baldwin, 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: Ms. Cooper made that motion, seconded by Dr. DuPre, which carried unanimously that the Board approves the Consent Agreement.

2. Case Nos.: 2022-123 & 2022-120

To be rescheduled as provided in the aforementioned motion.

B. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

1. Case Nos.: 2020-15 & 2020-16

Ms. Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Memorandum of Agreement. The Respondents appeared before the Board and were represented by W.E. Jenkinson, Esq.

The Respondents’ attorney addressed the Board and the Board questioned the Respondents regarding this matter. The State and the Respondents’ attorney gave closing statements. Mr. Hodge called for a motion to go into executive session to seek legal advice.

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Dickerson made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice. Dr. DuPre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

Motion: Dr. DuPre 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. Wright, which carried unanimously, that the Board accepts the Memorandum of Agreement, imposes a public reprimand against each licensee as well as a \$500 fine against each licensee, payable within 30 days of the date of the signed final order. Additionally, the motion also included placing Ms. Richardson's license on probation for one year from the date of the final order's issuance.

2, Case Nos.: 2022-90 & 2022-107

Ms. Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Memorandum of Agreement. The Respondents appeared before the Board without legal representation.

The Respondents addressed the Board and the Board questioned the Respondent regarding this matter. Ms. Ivori Henryhand, Respondent's manager, also addressed the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Hodge called for a motion to go into executive session to seek legal advice.

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Dickerson made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

Motion: Dr. DuPre made a motion that the Board come out of Executive Session. Ms. Williams 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. Price, which carried unanimously, that the Board accepts the amended Memorandum of Agreement, imposes a public reprimand against each licensee as well as a \$500 fine against each licensee, payable within 30 days of the date of the final order's issuance.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Hodge called for a motion to adjourn the April 26, 2023 Funeral Board meeting.

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

Mr. Hodge, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the April 26, 2023 meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service at 12:20 p.m.

The next scheduled Board meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service is April 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.