South Carolina Board of Funeral Service Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 10:00 am 110 Centerview Dr., Kingstree Building, Lowcountry Conference Room Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order

Gregory Evans, President, called the meeting of the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Services to Order at 10:00am

Public Notice- Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Board of Funeral Service office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and on the Board website 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda

<u>Motion:</u> To approve the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Hawkins and seconded by Mr. Price. This motion passed.

Introduction of the Board Members and Persons Attending the Meeting

Board Members Present

Gregory Evans, President, of Newberry

Wayne Pratt, Sr. Secretary/Treasurer, of Newberry

Lan Price of Leesville

James Hodge of Anderson

Timothy Cox of Williamston

Stoney Bachman of Norway

Douglas Hawkins of Florence

Megan Driggers of Summerville

Darryl Dickerson of Goose Creek

William Taylor of Chesterfield

SCLLR Staff Present

Brandy Duncan, Advice Counsel

Matalie Mickens, Board Executive

Shamone Breazeale, Administrative Assistant

Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Public Present:

William C. Henryhand Alpha Henryhand

Adam Birr

Approval of Excused Absences:

<u>Motion:</u> To approve excused absence of Mr. Thomas Wright, IV. The motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Hodge. The motion passed.

Disciplinary Hearings

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

A. Memorandum of Agreement

1. Case No: 2024-53

Ms. Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Memorandum of Agreement. The respondent and Alpha Henryhand appeared before the Board, were sworn in, spoke, and answered questions from the Board.

Ms. Duncan advised that on the Memorandum of Agreement there is a typo on #13 and the date should read June 3, 2024 and not June 3, 2025. The State moved to allow the error to be corrected to reflect June 3, 2024. The respondent was advised of the typo and the respondent had no objection to the correction of the year being made to 2024. The respondent agreed.

<u>Motion:</u> To go into Executive Session to seek legal advice. The motion was made by Mr. Hawkins and seconded by Mr. Taylor. The motion passed.

<u>Motion:</u> To exit executive session where legal advice was sought and no votes were taken. Motion was made by Mr. Hodge and seconded by Mr. Price. The motion passed.

<u>Motion</u>: To impose discipline in the form of a public reprimand along with a \$500 fine per statue violation for a total of \$1,000 and \$80 investigational costs. Probation for two years as well as additional continuing education required in the form of the classes: Ethics for Funeral Directors, which is three hours long, and The FTC Funeral Rule, which is six hours long, and none of these nine hours to go towards continuing education. The additional 9 hours of continuing education to be completed within three months and, if not completed within three months, then the license will be administratively suspended until such time that they are completed. Motion was read by Advice Counsel, Ms. Duncan. The motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Hawkins. The motion was approved.

Break

B. Consent Agreement

2. Case No: 2023-78

Ms. Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, presented the Consent Agreement. Ms. Bell also volunteered to answer any questions from the Board.

Mr. Evans called for questions.

Motion: To approve the Consent agreement. The motion was made by Mr. Hodge and seconded by Mr. Dickerson. The motion passed.

Adjournment

<u>Motion:</u> To adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Hawkins. The motion passed.

The next scheduled meeting for the SC Board of Funeral Service is April 24, 2025 at 10:00am