

South Carolina Board of Funeral Service
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 10:00 am
110 Centerview Dr., Kingtree Building, LowCountry Conference Room
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

1. Meeting Called to Order

William Taylor, President called the meeting of the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum noted as present.

Board Members Present:

William Taylor, President
R Douglas Hawkins, Vice President
Timothy Cox, Secretary
Darryl Dickerson
Megan Driggers
Randall Calcutt
Clyde Rampey
Barry Watson

SCDLLR Staff Present:

Matalie Mickens - Board Executive
Otis Richardson - Administrative Coordinator
Brandy Duncan, Esq. – Advice Counsel
Alexis Bell, Esq. – Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, ODC
Renee Young-OIE, Inspections
Tori Smith – Investigator, OIE

Members of the Public:

Tina Behles - Court Reporter
Adam Birr- SC Dep. Of Consumer Affairs
Andrew Nelson- SC Dep. Of Consumer Affairs
Ernestine Romey
Johnathan Holly
Toby Ward, Esq.
Christopher Nettles

1.Public Notice

Mr. Taylor announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC 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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION: Mr. Dickerson made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Calcutt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Introduction of Board Members and Persons Attending the Meeting

5. Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: Mr. Watson made a motion to excuse Mr. Wright, Mr. Price, and Mr. Bachman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox, which carried unanimously.

6. Disciplinary Hearings

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

A. Evidentiary Hearings

1. Case No. 2022-10

Ms. Bell, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Formal Complaint. The Respondent appeared before the Board, was sworn in, testified, and answer questions from the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Taylor made a motion to enter executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson, which carried unanimously.

Executive Session

MOTION: Mr. Watson made a motion to exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickerson, which carried unanimously. No votes were taken.

MOTION: Mr. Watson made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hawkins, which carried unanimously.

Executive Session

MOTION: Mr. Cox made a motion to exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson, which carried unanimously. No votes were taken.

MOTION: Mr. Hawkins made a motion that the State had proven the charges in the formal complaint and that the Respondent should be publicly reprimanded, fined \$500 payable within 30 days of the Final Order, and that the establishment be placed on probation for two years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcutt, which carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Taylor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Mr. Taylor, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the **August 28, 2025** meeting of the South Carolina Funeral Board at 12:26 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held **October 22-23, 2025**.