

South Carolina Board of Funeral Service
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 10:00 am
110 Centerview Dr., Kingstree 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:

Brent Taylor, President
R Douglas Hawkins, Vice President
Timothy Cox, Secretary
Randall Calcutt
Clyde Rampey
Barry Watson
Stoney Bachman
Herbert Edwards

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, Lead Investigator
Byron Ray – Investigator, OIE

Members of the Public:

Tina Behles - Court Reporter
Foy Dyches
Michael Farmer, Esq.

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, 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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All present received the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION: Mr. Bachman moved 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. Hawkins moved to excuse the absences of Mr. Wright, Mr. Dickerson, and Ms. Driggers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rampey, 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. 2025-17

MOTION: Mr. Watson moved to enter closed session to comply with S.C. Code §40-19-190. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edwards, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Bell, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Formal Complaint. Witnesses, including the Respondent appeared before the Board, were sworn in, testified, and answered questions from the Board.

Break

MOTION: Mr. Watson moved to exit closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox, which carried unanimously. No votes were taken during closed session.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Calcutt made a motion to exit executive and closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson, which carried unanimously. No votes were taken during executive session or the closed session.

MOTION: Mr. Hawkins moved to find the State did not provide sufficient evidence to prove a violation of one part of section IV, 2 of the Formal Complaint, but that the State proved, by a preponderance of the evidence, the remaining charges in the Formal Complaint and that the Respondent should be publicly reprimanded, fined \$500 per violation (for a total of \$25,000 in fines) payable within 90 days of the Final Order. Further that based on the evidence presented during this hearing, that a Temporary Suspension Order be issued with regard to Respondent's crematory to protect the public although Respondent's crematory was not the Respondent in this

hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson, which carried unanimously.

B. Consent Agreement

1. Case No. 2025-14

MOTION: Mr. Calcutt moved to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson, which carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Watson moved to exit closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hawkins, which carried unanimously. No votes were taken during closed session.

MOTION: Mr. Cox moved to accept the consent agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edwards, which carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

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

MOTION: Mr. Watson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Taylor adjourned the October 23, 2025 meeting of the South Carolina Funeral Board at 2:21 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held **December 3-4, 2025**.