

South Carolina Board of Funeral Service
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 4, 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 10:02 a.m. A quorum noted as present.

Board Members Present:

Brent Taylor, President
R Douglas Hawkins, Vice President
Timothy Cox, Secretary
Darryl Dickerson
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:

Christine Cortright - Court Reporter
Cody Anderson
La’Jessica Stringfellow , Esq. - Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLR

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 recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION: Mr. Watson moved to approve the agenda as amended. 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 moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Wright. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hawkins, which carried unanimously.

6. Stipulation of Facts Hearing- Closed

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

Except as noted below, disciplinary hearings are held in closed session to ensure compliance with S.C. Code §40-19-190.

1. Case No. 2024-156

Ms. Bell, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Stipulation of Facts. The Respondent appeared before the Board, was sworn in, testified, and answered questions from the Board.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Dickerson 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 closed session.

MOTION: Mr. Watson moved to find the State provided sufficient evidence to prove a violation of section 40-19-110(1)(f), and that the Respondent should be publicly reprimanded, undergo permanent revocation of Respondent's funeral director and embalmer (DUAL) licenses, and be required to pay \$160 dollars in investigation fees within 30 days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hawkins, which carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

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

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

Mr. Taylor adjourned the December 4, 2025 meeting of the South Carolina Funeral Board at 2:21 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held **February 17-18, 2026**.