

South Carolina Board of Funeral Service
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 10:00 am
110 Centerview Dr., Kingtree Building, LowCountry Conference Room
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

1. Meeting Called to Order

Brent 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
Herbert Edwards
Stoney Bachman
Timothy Cox

SCDLLR Staff Present:

Matalie Mickens - Board Executive
Otis Richardson - Administrative Coordinator
Brandy Duncan, Esq. – Advice Counsel
Alexis Bell, Esq. – Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, ODC
Byron Ray – Investigator, OIE
Renee Young- Lead Investigator, OIE
Clayton Summerton- Inspector, OIE

Members of the Public:

Robin Reibold- Court Reporter

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

All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION: Mr. Watson moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Hawkins 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. Dickerson and Mr. Wright. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rampey, which carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agreement

1. Case No.:2024-134

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

2. Case No.: 2025-88

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Hawkins moved to exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcutt, which carried unanimously. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

MOTION: Mr. Calcutt moved to reject the consent agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hawkins, which carried unanimously.

7. Disciplinary Hearing

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. 2025-89 – Montez Prentes Haynes

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

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MOTION: Mr. Watson moved to enter executive session for legal counsel. The motion was

seconded by Mr. Cox, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION: Mr. Watson motioned that the State has demonstrated by preponderance of the evidence that the Respondent has violated SC Code §§40-19-110(7), 40-19-110(14) via 32-8-385(A), and 40-1-110(1)(f); that the Respondent should be issued a public reprimand, a fine of \$14,500 to be paid within two years, probation with no apprentices for two years, and that the respondent must take the mandatory 8 hour cremation certification course within one year, which will not count towards continuing education hours. The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcutt, which carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Hawkins moved to have an investigation opened on four funeral homes mentioned in the evidence regarding Case No. 2025-89. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson, which carried unanimously.

8. 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 June 4, 2026 meeting of the South Carolina Funeral Board at 12:39 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held **August 19-20, 2026.**