

South Carolina Board of Funeral Service
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 10:00 am
110 Centerview Dr., Kingstree Building, Upstate Conference Room
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

1. Meeting Called to Order

Douglas Hawkins, President called the meeting of the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum noted as present.

Board Members Present:

R. Douglas Hawkins, President
Barry Watson, Vice President
Herbert Edwards, Secretary
Darryl Dickerson
Randall Calcutt
Clyde Rampey
Timothy Cox
Thomas Wright
Kent Dill

SCDLLR Staff Present:

Matalie Mickens - Board Executive
Otis Richardson - Administrative Coordinator
Brandy Duncan, Esq. – Advice Counsel
Alexis Bell, Esq. – Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, ODC
Alice Douglas- Paralegal, OIE
Byron Ray – Investigator, OIE
Renee Young- Lead Investigator, OIE
Kirsten Mobley- Investigator, OIE
Sekimer Vinson- Investigator, OIE
Tori Smith- Investigator, OIE

Members of the Public:

Tina Behles- Court Reporter
Tracy Pearlman, Esq.
Lan Price

Public Notice

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

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

4. Introduction of Board Members and Persons Attending the Meeting

5. Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: Mr. Calcutt moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Harley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox, which carried unanimously.

6. Disciplinary Hearing

Disciplinary hearings are held in closed session until noted otherwise in the Meeting Minutes to ensure compliance with S.C. Code §40-19-190.

Ms. Bell requested to dismiss Case No.: 2020-94, 2020-95, and 2023-96 due to the unavailability of critical witnesses. Mr. Hawkins granted the request.

Case No.:2023-95 in Closed Session

The Respondent, Complainant, and Investigator witness were sworn in, testified, and answered questions. The Respondent was represented by Tracy Pearlman, Esq.

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

EXECTUVE SESSION

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

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Dickerson made a motion to find that two violations had been proven by a preponderance of the evidence and to issue a public reprimand, a fine of \$250 per violation (for a total fine of \$500) to be paid within 30 days, and \$60 in investigative costs to be paid within 30 days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright, which carried unanimously.

Case No.: 2023-93 in Closed Session

The Respondent, and Complainant, and Investigator witness were sworn in, testified, and

answered questions. The Respondent was represented by Tracy Pearlman, Esq.

MOTION: Mr. Wright moved to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rampey which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Wright moved to dismiss the case due to the State not meeting its burden of proof. The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcutt, which carried unanimously.

Case No.: 2022-105 in Closed Session

MOTION: Mr. Calcutt made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edwards, which carried unanimously.

The Respondent, and Complainant, and Investigator witness were sworn in, testified, and answered questions. The Respondent was represented by Tracy Pearlman, Esq.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Watson 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 or closed session.

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Watson made a motion to dismiss case 2022-105 with a letter of caution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcutt, which carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins 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. Hawkins adjourned the August 20, 2026 meeting of the South Carolina Funeral Board at 3:15

p.m. The next Board meeting will be held **October 7-8, 2026**.