

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Funeral Service
Board Meeting

10:00 a.m., June 12, 2014, and 9:00 a.m., June 13, 2014
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Building Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

June 12, 2014 and June 13, 2014

1. Meeting Called to Order

Thomas E. Baker, II, President, of Kershaw, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Funeral Service to order at 10:13 a.m. Other Board members present for the meeting included: Wallace McKnight, Jr., Vice President, of Andrews; Charlie Bradford Evans, Secretary, of Abbeville; William B. Horton, Jr., of Kingtree; Eddie Nelson, of Blythewood; Mark R. O'Steen, of Spartanburg; John L. Petty, III, of Landrum; Michelle Cooper, of Monks Corner; Marcus Brown, of Anderson; and, Jeffrey K. Temples, of Columbia.

Staff members participating in the March 20, 2014, meeting included: Mary League, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel; Erin Baldwin, Office of General Counsel; Tracey Pearlman, Office of General Counsel; Ernest Adams, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Buddy Poole, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Sharon Wolfe, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Sharon Cook, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Yolanda Rodgers, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement and, Amy Holleman, Administrative Assistant.

a. Public Notice

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introduction of Board Members and Persons Attending the Meeting

The Board members, staff, and all other persons attending the meeting introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Excused Absences

There are no absences at this meeting.

4. Reports

A. Inspection Report

Mr. Poole informed the Board that he and Mr. Adams conducted 152 inspections from March 8, 2014 to May 30, 2014.

Mr. Baker stated the Board will accept this report as information.

B. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report

May 28, 2014 IRC report

Ms Wolfe presented the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) report from the May 28, 2014 IRC meeting. The IRC recommended that the Board dismiss case numbers 2013-65, 2013-66, 2013-70, 2014-1, 2014-12, 2014-15, 2014-16, and 2014-18; they recommended that the Board issue a formal complaint for case number 2013-71; and, they requested reconsideration to dismiss case number 2012-4.

MOTION

Mr. McKnight made a motion that the Board approve the IRC recommendations. Mr. Petty seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report

Ms. Wolfe informed the Board that there are currently 13 active investigations, two do not open cases, one opened case, four pending Board action, three pending IRC, twenty closed cases, and two do not open cases from January 1, 2014 through June 2, 2014, and a total of fourteen active cases. And the oldest active case is 175 days

Mr. Baker stated the Board will accept this report as information.

D. Office of Disciplinary (ODC) Counsel

Ms. Perlman presented the Board with the report from the Office of General Counsel (OGC). She included in the report that OGC opened 30 cases, one case is pending action, two cases pending consent agreement or memorandum of agreement, four pending final orders hearings, one pending final order, and three closed.

Mr. Baker stated the Board will accept this report as information.

5. Approval of Consent Agreements (CA)

A. 2012-12 – Moses Smoot, FDE 1104

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Ms. Perlman stated that Mr. Smoot is a dual licensed funeral director and embalmer for Peoples Funeral Home in Pamplico, SC.

On or about April 4, 2012, Mr. Smoot received the original copy of a death certificate for a decedent. Upon opening the package to retrieve the death certificate, Mr. Smoot damaged the original document. Mr. Smoot then copied all the information off the original certificate and signed the doctor's name to the new original copy of the decedent's death certificate as he needed it quickly.

Ms. Perlman informed the Board that the State and Mr. Smoot agreed to a consent agreement for a public reprimand, probation for one (1) year from the date of this order, and a Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) fine to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of the consent agreement.

MOTION

Mr. O'Steen made a motion that the Board accept the consent agreement for Case Number 2012-12 as written. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. 2013-34 – Toris T. Quick, FDE 2104

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Ms. Perlman stated that Mr. Quick is a dual licensed funeral director and embalmer for Quick Funeral Home, FE 37, in Bennettsville, SC.

On May 8, 2013 Mr. Quick was contacted after the decedent had passed. He contacted a local funeral home in Georgia, where the decedent was located, to bring the remains to South Carolina for services.

Mr. Quick admits that he never fully provided the decedent's family with a detailed description of the services he would be providing or the costs associated with those services. He also admitted that he signed the funeral contract however, he states he obtained verbal permission to do so from decedent's mother.

He admits that decedent was embalmed without permission of the family, but submits that the body was required to be embalmed for interstate transport.

He admits that he failed to deliver to the family a copy of the death certificate for decedent.

Ms. Perlman informed the Board that the State and Mr. Quick agreed to a consent agreement for a public reprimand, and civil penalty of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250) fine to be paid within sixty (60) days of the date of the consent agreement.

MOTION

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board accept the consent agreement for Case Number 2013-34 as written. Mr. Petty seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Memorandum of Agreements (MOA)

- A. 2012-41 – Lewis Funeral Home, FE 667
- B. 2012-42 – Richard Scott Lewis, FDE 2450

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Mr. Petty and Mr. O'Steen offered to recuse themselves if need be. Ms Perlman had no objections on them remaining nor did Mr. Lewis.

Executive Session

MOTION

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board enter into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Horton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. O'Steen made a motion that the Board return to public session. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Baker stated, for the record, that no votes were taken during executive session.

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion that the Board accept the MOA and that the Respondent be publically reprimanded, pay a Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) fine to be paid for each MOA for a total of \$1,000,

and that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years. Mr. Temples seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. 2013-63 – Cedrick L. Lawson, FDE APPR 3580

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Temples made a motion that the Board enter into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Horton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board return to public session. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Baker stated, for the record, that no votes were taken during executive session.

Mr. Nelson inquired on how many quarterly reports were forged? Mr. Lawson stated three (3) quarters.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board enter into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Petty made a motion that the Board return to public session. Mr. McKnight seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Baker stated, for the record, that no votes were taken during executive session.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board accept the MOA and that the Respondent be publically reprimanded, pay a Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) fine, and he will need to redo seven (7) quarters of his apprenticeship. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Disciplinary Hearings

A. & B. 2011-4 & 2011-11 – William D. McCutchen, Jr., FDE 2188

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Ms. Perlman stated they have been issued a continuance until the October 23, 2014 Board meeting.

C. 2011-10 – Johnathan Holley, FD 3515

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Mr. Nelson offered to recuse himself. Ms. Perlman stated she believes that may be the proper thing to do.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion that the Board enter into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Temples seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Temples made a motion that the Board return to public session. Mr. Petty seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Baker stated, for the record, that no votes were taken during executive session.

MOTION

Mr. Temples made a motion that the Board accept the MOA and that the Respondent be publically reprimanded, and pay a Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) fine to be paid. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. Mr. Baker and Mr. Brown abstained from voting.

Motion to Recess for Lunch

MOTION

Mr. Temples made a motion that the Board break for lunch until 3:15 p.m. Mr. Horton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Session from Lunch

MOTION

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board return from lunch. Mr. Horton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

For the record, Mr. Baker and Mr. Nelson had to leave during the lunch break, and they are unable to return.

D. 2013-5 – Carl M. Days, FDE.1912

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board enter into executive session for legal advice. Mr. O'Steen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion that the Board return to public session. Mr. O'Steen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. McKnight stated, for the record, that no votes were taken during executive session.

MOTION

Ms. Cooper made a motion that the Board dismiss as the state did not prove disciplinary. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

E. 2013-24 – Robert B. Cooper, FD 1686

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Temples made a motion that the Board enter into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board return to public session. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. McKnight stated, for the record, that no votes were taken during executive session.

MOTION

Mr. Temples made a motion that the Board publicly reprimand his license, probation for two (2) years from the date of this order, and pay a Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) fine. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. President's Remarks – Tommy Baker

Mr. Baker welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

9. Administrator's Remarks – Amy Holleman

- A. Financial reports
- B. Overview of Death Care Regulators conference
- C. The Conference – As of March 1, 2014, candidates are required to wait 90 days between taking the national exam.
- D. The Conference – As of July 1, 2014, candidates will receive notification of their pass/fail status electronically from The Conference upon completion of an ABFSE accredited program.
- E. Clarification of time to file Apprentice quarterly reports.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that she will be standing in for Ms. Cubitt since she is unavailable. Ms. Holleman stated that the financial reports are in the board meeting packet for review and if they have any questions please direct them to Ms. Cubitt.

Ms. Holleman stated that she attended the Death Care Regulators (DCRC) conference and just needed approval.

Ms. Holleman stated that there seems to be an issue with apprentice's not being paid for the apprenticeship. However the Board of Funeral Service law states an apprentice must be a full time employee of the funeral home. She stated that the Federal Labor laws indicates that an apprentice would be a paid employee under federal law. So the Board should accept the federal definition of an employee.

Ms. Holleman stated that they have discussed printing license cards with pictures like Maryland does. She stated she spoke with Mr. Matt Faile, over the IT department, and he stated some of the costs may be around \$500 for the software, \$1,000-\$5,000 for the printer and \$.25-\$2 per card.

Mr. Evans suggested that staff get a firm cost on how much that may be. Ms. Holleman stated she will check with Mr. Faile and see if he can attend the next meeting with more specific costs.

MOTION

Ms. Cooper made a motion the board approve Ms. Holleman attending the DCRC conference. Mr. Temples seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion to Recess

MOTION

At 4:33 p.m., Mr. Evans made a motion that the Board recess until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 21, 2014. Mr. Horton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

March 21, 2014

1. Meeting Called to Order

Charlie Bradford Evans, Secretary, of Abbeville, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Funeral Service to order at 9:30 a.m. Other Board members present for the meeting included: William B. Horton, Jr., of Kingstree; Eddie Nelson, of Blythewood; Michelle Cooper, of Monks Corner; and, Jeffrey K. Temples, of Columbia.

John L. Petty, III, of Landrum; and Marcus Brown, of Anderson, participated via phone.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Wendi Elrod, Program Assistant; Jeanie Rose, Administrative Assistant; Mary League, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel; Ernest Adams, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Buddy Poole, Inspector, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; and, Amy Holleman, Administrative Assistant.

Members of the public attending the June 13, 2014, meeting included: Greg Moseley, of Moseley Funeral & Cremation Service; Erin Whitaker, of Whitaker Funeral Home; Whitney Gardner, of Whitaker Funeral Home; Richard A. Tomlinson; Greg Rollings, of Rollings Funeral Service; Brandon Frederick, of B L Frederick Memorial Center; Brent Caughman, of Caughman-Harman Funeral Home; Stan Stone, of Cannon Funeral Home; Chuck Hinton, of McDougald Funeral Home; Fran Jackson, of Thompson Funeral Home; Sandra Rick, of Thompson Funeral Home; Gere Fulton, of Funeral Consumer Alliance of SC; Matalie Mickens, Consumer Affairs; Elizabeth Simmons, of the South Carolina Morticians Association (SCMA); and, Kenneth C. Beasley, Beasley Funeral Home

a. Public Notice

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b. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introduction of Board Members and Persons Attending the Meeting

The Board members, staff, and all other persons attending the meeting introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Excused Absences

Thomas E. Baker, II, President, of Kershaw; Wallace McKnight, Jr., Vice President, of Andrews; and, Mark R. O'Steen, of Spartanburg, were absent.

MOTION

Mr. Temples made a motion that the Board excuse Mr. Baker, Mr. McKnight, and Mr. O'Steen from today's meeting. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Approval of Minutes for the March 20, 2014, March 21, 2014 and May 2, 2014

MOTION

Mr. Nelson made a motion on that the Board accept the meeting minutes for the March 20, 2014, March 21, 2014 and May 2, 2014, meeting dates, as written. Mr. Horton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Recognition of service for Ken Beasley

Mr. Evans thanked Mr. Beasley for his service to the Board and presented him with a plaque for his years of service.

12. Review of notes from May 2, 2014 work session meeting

Mr. Evans stated the committee for various topics from the May 2, 2014 meeting be tabled until the next meeting when the full board is present.

13. Report on questions and answers from FTC – Ernest Adams

Mr. Adams stating that he had attended a webinar with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and he provided a copy of the questions and answers from that webinar.

He reviewed a few points:

1. Outer Burial Containers – he stated you don't have to have.
2. Direct Cremation "If Relevant" – he stated "if relevant" can be crossed out.

He also suggested that the Board add FAQ on the website regarding Fetal Death which is in Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) laws, Section 21-27.

Mr. Horton requested that the Board be giving a copy of Section 21-27 in the next Board meeting packet.

Mr. Adams stated that he and Mr. Poole review the general price list (GPL), casket price list (CPL) and outer burial container price list (OBCPL) during their inspections and see the same issues over and over. He stated the only way to make sure the corrections are made and maintained is to issue a citation when a violation is found.

Mr. Temples suggested doing a seminar to get funeral homes to do the corrections on the GPL, CPL and OBCPL. Mr. Adams stated both the associations have classes and it didn't help.

14. Proposed Preceptor/Supervisor information to use with apprenticeship training – Ernest Adams

Mr. Adams suggested that the Board add to the apprentice quarterly report that it is highly recommended that the report is mailed return receipt and that an embalmer report be submitted as well.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board approve that the changes be made to the apprentice application packet. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

New Business

15. Application Hearings

New Funeral Home or Ownership change

1. B L Frederick Memorial Center – Brandon Lorenzo Frederick

Mr. Frederick would like to open up a funeral home, B L Frederick Memorial Center.

Mr. Frederick stated he will not be selling preneed at this time; the facility has already been inspected; and he understands that, as manager, he will be responsible for all that goes on in the funeral home.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board approve the application. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Cannon Funeral Home - Jones Chapel – Stanley Alan Stone

Mr. Evans, Mr. Horton, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Cooper and Mr. Temples stated they know Mr. Rollings and Mr. Stone and will recuse themselves if Mr. Rollings or Mr. Stone wishes. Mr. Rollings stated that will not be necessary.

Mr. Rollings has purchased Cannon Funeral Home – Jones Chapel from Stewart Enterprises, Inc. and is asking to open the funeral home under his ownership. Mr. Stone is the current manager and is the proposed manager under new ownership.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board approve the application pending a favorable inspection and sales documents with Mr. Stone as manager. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Cannon Funeral Home – Cannon Mem. Park Funerals and Cremations – Stanley Alan Stone

Mr. Evans, Mr. Horton, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Cooper and Mr. Temples stated they know Mr. Rollings and Mr. Stone and will recuse themselves if Mr. Rollings or Mr. Stone wishes. Mr. Rollings stated that will not be necessary.

Mr. Rollings has purchased Cannon Memorial Park Funerals and Cremations from Stewart Enterprises, Inc. and is asking to open the funeral home under his ownership. Mr. Stone is the current manager and is the proposed manager under new ownership.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board approve the application pending a favorable inspection and sales documents with Mr. Stone as manager. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Caughman Harman Funeral Home –Bush River – Brent Hampton Caughman

Mr. Evans, Mr. Horton, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Cooper and Mr. Temples stated they know Mr. Rollings and Mr. Caughman and will recuse themselves if Mr. Rollings or Mr. Caughman wishes. Mr. Rollings stated that will not be necessary.

Mr. Rollings has purchased Caughman Harman Funeral Home from Keystone, Inc. and is asking to open the funeral home under his ownership. Mr. Caughman is the current manager and is the proposed manager under new ownership.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board approve the application pending a favorable inspection and sales documents. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Moseley Funeral & Cremation Service – Steven G Moseley

Mr. Moseley stated that he is the current manager of Kornegay & Moseley Funeral Home & Cremation Service. He stated he currently lives at that funeral home, which he is part owner. He stated he will resign at manager of Kornegay & Moseley Funeral Home & Cremation Service so he can manage this funeral home.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board approve this application, pending an updated application, zoning documents, and favorable inspection. Mr. Temples seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

16. Request to serve Apprenticeship 4th time

1. Charles William Hinton – Apprentice Funeral Director

Mr. Hinton stated he has his cases but needs four (4) quarters to complete his apprenticeship. He stated he is also short four (4) credits from completing his education.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that Mr. Hinton be given one year to complete his apprenticeship or he will need to do the apprenticeship again. Mr. Temples seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

17. Request for approval of Apprentice hours obtained after apprenticeship expiration date

1. Michael Holbrooks – Funeral Director/Embalmer

Mr. Holbrooks was not present. The Board President moved this item until the next meeting when Mr. Holbrooks and his supervisor are present.

18. Request for approval of Apprentice untimely quarterly reports

1. Richard Harrison Tomlinson – Funeral Director/Embalmer

Mr. Tomlinson started his Dual apprenticeship 12/11/2009-12/11/2011. He has submitted Jan 2010-Mar 2011 quarterly reports for a total of 15 months. He has not met the case requirement per the 15 months that has been received. So he is missing Dec 11-Dec 31 2009, Apr-Dec 11, 2011 for a total of 9 months. Mr. Tomlinson stating that he mailed the missing quarterly reports but they were never received. So he is requesting approval of the missing months to complete his apprenticeship. He has taken and passed the National exam for both the Arts and Science section of the exam.

MOTION

Mr. Brown made a motion that the Board accept Mr. Tomlinson's quarterly reports pending an affidavit from Mr. Tomlinson's supervisor, Mr. Water's, verifying that Mr. Tomlinson has completed his apprenticeship. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

19. Request for Apprenticeship applicant to have other full-time employment

1. Timothy Nathaniel Grant – Apprentice Funeral Director/Embalmer

Mr. Grant wishes to serve his full time apprenticeship but has other employment.

MOTION

Mr. Nelson made a motion that the Board approve Mr. Grant's application to serve his apprenticeship pending a letter showing work hours and a work schedule of hours worked must be submitted with each quarterly report. Mr. Temples seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Debra Jackson – Apprentice Funeral Director/Embalmer

Ms. Jackson was not present. The Board President moved this item until the next meeting when Ms. Jackson and her supervisor are present.

3. Kendall Jamar Kirby – Funeral Director/Embalmer

Mr. Kirby was not present. The Board President moved this item until the next meeting when Mr. Kirby and his supervisor are present.

4. Fran O'Cain Jackson – Apprentice Funeral Director

Ms. Jackson wishes to serve her full time apprenticeship but has other employment.

MOTION

Mr. Nelson made a motion that the Board approve Ms. Jackson's application to serve her apprenticeship pending a letter showing work hours and a work schedule of hours worked must be submitted with each quarterly report. Mr. Temples seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

5. Joseph Brannon Rowland Jr. –Apprentice Funeral Director/Embalmer

Mr. Rowland was not present. The Board President moved this item until the next meeting when Mr. Rowland and his supervisor are present.

20. Acceptance of apprenticeship form OH

1. Whitney Leigh Gardner – Apprentice Funeral Director/Embalmer

Ms. Gardner submitted an apprentice application and moved to South Carolina from Ohio in 2010, where she served one year of her apprenticeship from January 2009 to January 2010. She wishes for the SC Board of Funeral Service to count the one year Ohio apprenticeship towards the two year SC apprenticeship requirement.

In 2008 she received a bachelor's degree in Mortuary Science from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and has passed the National exams.

MOTION

Mr. Horton made a motion that the Board deny Ms. Gardner's request since Section 40-19-230 (A)(5) and (B)(4) requires that an apprenticeship be completed under the direct supervision of a licensed

funeral director or embalmer actively engaged in the practice of funeral directing or embalming in this state.

21. Reciprocity

1. James Cleveland Wright – Funeral Director/Embalmer

Mr. Wright was not present. The Board President moved this item until the next meeting when Mr. Wright is present.

22. Dr Fulton – Presentation for General Price List for the Greater Columbia area

Mr. Fulton stated that the Funeral Consumer Alliance and the Board of Funeral Service needs to work more on communication not confrontation.

He stated that the Governor's Office task force recommended that the Board of Funeral Service "amend the statute and repeal the regulation regarding the sales of funeral merchandise, to allow all retail businesses, not just "Funeral Retail Sales Outlets", to sell caskets and other funeral merchandise, opening up the market and ultimately driving down costs to consumers".

But the Board of Funeral Service believes that the Statute and Regulations are already a minimum burden and provide consumer protection and they do not recommend change.

He stated that the Funeral Consumer Alliance is asking that the Board of Funeral Service reconsider their ruling at the January 21, 2014 conference call meeting denying changing the statute or regulations regarding Retail Sales Outlets.

He then read the plaque on the meeting room wall "The mission of LLR is to promote the health, safety and economic well-being of the public through regulation, licensing, enforcement training and education.

Mr. Fulton was to present the finding of the Funeral Consumer Alliance for funeral homes that are in violation until it was revealed that a complaint had been made and Ms. League stopped the board from review or hearing any further information since it would be regarding any complaints that may come before them at a later time.

23. Public Comments

No public comments at this time.

24. Adjournment

MOTION

At 11:50 a.m. Mr. Temples made a motion to adjourn the June 13, 2014 meeting of the South Carolina Board of Funeral Service do to a quorum was lost. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Funeral Service is scheduled for August 28, 2014.