

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Quarterly Examination

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service will administer its quarterly state law examinations on **Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Room P-103 of the Gordon Person Building, 50 N. Ripley St., Montgomery, Alabama. Those who applied by the deadline and will be admitted to the exam are the following:

Timothy W. Rodgers, Hollis J. Thomas, Wesley E. Tomlin, Melody D. Mathison, Deborah G. Kirk, Brooks E. Bailey, Deundray C. Robinson, Joe T. Hooks, Jr., Charles A. Fuller, Jodi M. Weinatzl, Lisa G. Foskey, Beverly J. Jones, Henry J. Bogus, Eugene B. Thomas, Blake E. Chandler, Alexandria K. Fowler, Amber E. O'Ferrell, Christopher A. Fowler, Elliott Newton, Todd A. Muller, Douglas M. Udell, II, Marcus T. Jones, Willie B. Williams, Megan D. Marshall, Deacquernita Davidson-Melton, Justin R. Harvest, Rodney T. Massey, Harriette A. Douglas, Thamus L. Douglas, Darnell Gardner, Tessler L. Williams, Bobby E. Deavers, Sr., Ollye M. Ward, Andrew M. Gill, Donny E. Adkinson, Ashley P. Anthony, Jasmine L. Odum

The Conference

As stated in previous notices, the funeral director and embalmer exams will be given by The Conference through Pearson VUE testing centers at five locations statewide. All applications may be obtained from our office but exam fees and applications will be submitted to The Conference, while the license fees, applications, and affidavits will be submitted to the Board office. Each applicant still must pass the state law exams given by the Board quarterly in Montgomery before being approved for licensina.

The Conference: www.theconferenceonline.org
Pearson VUE:
Birmingham: 205-982-2063
Decatur: 256-552-0667
Dothan: 334-671-7007
Mobile: 251-343-2601
Montgomery: 334-271-8995



The Board

The Board will hold its first regular meeting of fiscal year 2013 at 11a.m. in Room P-103 of the Gordon Person Building. Anyone who would like to appear before the Board or have matters discussed should notify the Board office by October 17, 2012, in order to be placed on the agenda. Matters or subjects not on agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting.

License Renewals

License renewal applications for fiscal year 2012-13 were mailed in July to the last known address of the licensee. The deadline to renew without penalty was October 1, 2012. Failure to receive a notice does not excuse anyone from renewing by the deadline. If you failed to submit your paperwork for renewal by the October 1st deadline, an additional \$50 late penalty has been applied.

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On October 24, 2012, at 11 a.m., in Room P-103 of the Gordon Person Building, 50 N. Ripley St., Montgomery, Alabama, the Board will take its annual nominations for the Board districts that term expires December 31, 2012. Those districts are one, two and five. To check your exact district, you may go to www.house.gov and type in your zip code under 'Find Your Representative'. To be eligible to serve on the Board:

- a person must either be a licensed funeral director and embalmer who has been licensed as an embalmer or a funeral director for at least ten consecutive years.
- who is currently a funeral home operator.
- who has been actively practicing funeral directing for at least ten consecutive years.

Those in attendance must select three nominees from each district and those nominees will be submitted to the governor for appointment. You do not have to be present to be nominated, but you must be in attendance to place a nomination. Also, only one funeral director from each establishment may vote. Should a company own multiple establishments, they may have one funeral director vote for each establishment. If anyone has questions about the nomination process or districts, please contact the Board office.



At its last meeting, the Board approved the following for licensure:

<u>Funeral Director</u>	<u>Embalmer</u>	<u>Funeral Director & Embalmer</u>	<u>Establishment</u>
Randall S. Suttles	Jeffery G. Huggins	David E. Hobbs	Dansby Heritage Chapel
Michael K. Davis		Aaron C. Curenton	JMW Funeral Home
Michael A. Duncan		Bennett R. Pinckard	
Roger A. Newman		Brandi F. Scruggs	
Janice H. Kent		Jeremycordell D.R. Madison	
		Wayne D. Dansby	

Outstanding Inspection Fees

The following establishments have past due inspection fees:

- Alabama Cremation & Mortuary Service
Birmingham, AL
- Grace Memorial Chapel
Woodstock, AL

Inspection fees are due in the Board office 45 days after an inspection has been done (Administrative Code 395-X-4-.02). Establishments that have failed to submit past due inspection fees will be charged with failure to comply with Alabama Funeral Service Law and may be subject to their establishment license being suspended or revoked in accordance with Code of Alabama, 1975, Section 34-13-111 and Sections 34-13-56(2k).

CORRECTION

In the July 2012 Newsletter, Peterson & Williams Funeral Home's name was printed in error as having outstanding inspection fees. Peterson & Williams Funeral Home inspection fees were not outstanding and had been paid in a timely manner. The board staff would like to issue this apology to Mr. Thomas E. Peterson, Jr. and the staff of Peterson & Williams Funeral Home.

Violations with Charges

Charge	Number of Counts	Section of Law Violated	Penalty
Individual engaged in the practice of a funeral director without being licensed to do so by the ABFS.	2	Section 34-13-70(a), <u>Code of Alabama, 1975</u>	Fined \$2500.00.Suspension of establishment license for 30 days, stayed for 2 years

FTC

*** The sample General Price List, Casket Price List and Outer Burial Container Price list have been added to the forms page of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service website (www.fsb.alabama.gov) for your convenience.

Required Disclosures on the GPL

The Rule also requires you to make six disclosures on your General Price List.(1) These disclosures discuss:

1. The consumer's right to select only the goods and services desired;
2. Embalming;
3. Alternative containers for direct cremation;
4. The basic services fee;
5. The Casket Price List; and
6. The Outer Burial Container Price List.

Required Itemized Prices on the GPL

The Rule requires you to itemize the prices for certain goods and services so consumers may choose only those elements of a funeral that they want. You must list the following 16 specified items of goods and services on the GPL, together with the price for each item:

1. Forwarding of remains to another funeral home;
2. Receiving remains from another funeral home;
3. Direct cremation;
4. Immediate burial;
5. Basic services of funeral director and staff, and overhead;
6. Transfer of remains to funeral home;
7. Embalming;
8. Other preparation of the body;
9. Use of facilities and staff for viewing;
10. Use of facilities and staff for funeral ceremony;
11. Use of facilities and staff for memorial service;
12. Use of equipment and staff for graveside service;
13. Hearse;
14. Limousine;
15. Either individual casket prices or the range of casket prices that appear on the Casket Price List; and
16. Either individual outer burial container prices or the range of outer burial container prices that appear on the Outer Burial Container Price List.

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*“Never let
 Quantity dictate
 Quality.
 Always let Quality
 dictate Quantity!”*
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***The above information was taken from the FTC website at <http://business.ftc.gov/documents/bus05-complying-funeral-rule#embalm>.

ACTIVE LICENSES:

Establishments:	Funeral Directors:	Embalmers:	Practical Embalmer:	Apprentices:
470	1703	878	94	592

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