



ALABAMA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2020

Prior Notice

Prior notice of the July 13, 2020 quarterly board meeting was posted on the Secretary of State website in January 2019. Due to the Alabama Department of Health's, Safer at Home order, and the inability to ensure social distancing guidelines were met, as a result of COVID19, the public was not allowed to attend the meeting in person, but participation in the meeting was made available via Zoom. Notice of the July 13, 2020 meeting via Zoom and additional meeting information was distributed to licensees and posted on the Secretary of State website on June 18, 2020.

Attendance

Mr. Craddock, Chair, asked Mrs. Grogan for a roll call to establish a quorum. The following members were present: Mark N. Craddock, Lorenzo Wright, Bart Kirtland, John C. Rudder, Calvin Meadows, Annie Bushelon-Holt, and Bobby Burt. Staff present; Charles Perine, Executive Director, and E. Denise Grogan, Associate Executive Director, recording. Also, present via phone, general counsel for the Board, T. Cameron McEwen.

The following members were absent: Mr. Lance Brooks and Mr. Ed Hines.

Call to order

With a quorum established, Mr. Craddock called to order the fourth quarterly business meeting of fiscal year 2020 of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service at 10:01 a.m. on July 13, 2020, in Room 304 of the Alabama State House, located at 11 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Craddock excused the absence of Mr. Brooks and Mr. Hines.

Zoom meeting participants = 15.

Old Business

Legislation - Pending

Mr. Perine reminded the Board that May 18, 2020 was the final day of the current legislative session, and legislators did not take up HB72 or SB205. Mr. Perine stated a letter was sent to Governor's office requesting the bill, to establish the property acquisition fund to purchase real property, be taken up in any special session that may be upcoming, due to its time sensitive nature. Mr. Perine stated the Board's office had not received a response from the Governor's office. Mr. Perine reminded the Board that the Attorney General's opinion stated the Board had the authority to purchase real property based on the current statute. If the fund is not established and property is purchased based on the Attorney General's opinion, Mr. Perine stated correspondence would be sent to the Sunset committee explaining the Board's decision. Mr. Perine stated, based on recommendations, the search for property would begin in December, and two members would serve as Board representatives during the search process.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rudder moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Wright. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Approval of Licenses

1. Applicants having met all qualifications for licensure:

Having passed the state law exam, and having met the passing criteria of the International Conference under the new testing format, Mr. Perine requested to dispense with the reading of each applicant's name and that the individuals listed be considered for approval based on having met the qualifications for licensure in the State of Alabama in accordance with Title 34 Chapter 13 of the *Code of Alabama, 1975* and Administrative Code 395, and be approved for a funeral director, and/or embalmer, and/or cremationist license. Applicants for licensure: Brian Byers, James G. Davis, Larry Livingston and Christopher Weary. The motion was made by Mr. Rudder and seconded by Mr. Kirtland. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Secretary Financial Report

Mr. Perine reported the following to the Board for the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2020 as of July 13, 2020.

Total Budget: \$574,361.00

Revenue: \$35,302.75

Expenses: \$134,409.30

Ending Cash on Hand: \$1,388,728.74

Active Apprentice Funeral Directors: 189

Active Apprentice Embalmers: 123

Active Licensed Funeral Directors: 1540

Active Licensed Embalmers: 854

Active Licensed Cremationists: 222

Active Licensed Practical Embalmers: 50

Active Special Work Permit Funeral Director: 0

Active Special Work Permit Embalmer: 0

Active Licensed Mortuary Service: 2

Active Licensed Establishments: 470

Active Continuing Education Providers: 40

Total Active License: 3490

Mr. Meadows made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wright to accept the Executive Secretary Financial Report. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Board Resolution 20-001

Mr. Perine introduced Board Resolution 20-001 in honor of Samuel Seroyer, who passed away on May 25, 2020, and requested that reading of the resolution be dispense and upon passage entered into the official record of the Board. Mr. Seroyer served as a member of the Board from 2010 until 2018. Ms. Bushelon-Holt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wright to enter Resolution 20-001 into the official record of the Board.

Continuing Education

Mrs. Grogan presented the Board with a list of courses requesting approval, totaling 30.5 hours of instructional time available to licensees. Pursuant to Alabama Funeral Service Administrative Code 395-X-1-.04, Mr. Perine gave interim approval to 5 courses.

Mr. Meadows made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kirtland to approve the continuing education courses that were presented. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Perine informed the Board that item A. of the Executive Session would not be taken up but would be held over until the October Board meeting.

Executive Session

Mr. Rudder made a motion seconded by Mr. Meadows to go into Executive Session for 1 hour to discuss the good name and character of an individual.

Yes votes: Mr. Craddock, Mr. Wright, Mr. Kirtland, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Rudder, Ms. Bushelon-Holt, Mr. Burt

Nay votes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Brooks, Mr. Hines,

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Perine muted the Zoom meeting participants at 10:16 a.m. to allow the Board to discuss the good and name and character of an individual. The participants were informed that the regular business meeting would resume at the conclusion of executive session.

Mr. Perine unmuted the Zoom meeting participants at 10:46 a.m., Mr. Craddock call the meeting back to order. Mr. Meadows made a motion seconded by Mr. Rudder to reactivate the Funeral Director and embalmer licenses of Brandon Trawick with a two-year probation.

Yes votes: Mr. Craddock, Mr. Wright, Mr. Kirtland, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Rudder, Ms. Bushelon- Holt, Mr. Burt

Nay votes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Brooks, Mr. Hines

The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Perine informed the Board of Administrative Hearings tentatively scheduled for August 18, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Perine stated he would inform the Board if the hearings were canceled. Mr. Craddock ask if there were any questions from the Zoom meeting participants, being no questions or other business, Mr. Craddock asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m., seconded by Mr. Meadows. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: E. Denise Grogan

Ms. N. White
Chair

[Signature]
Executive Director



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Notice Details

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11 South Union Street
Room 304
Montgomery, AL 36104

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Notice:

Quarterly Board Meeting
Due to the inability to ensure social distancing guidelines are met as a result COVID-19, the public will not be allowed to attend this meeting in person but may participate in the meeting via Zoom using the following access information:

Topic Board of Funeral Service July 2020 Board Meeting
Time Jul 13,2020 10:00 AM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8689984378>

Meeting ID 8689984378



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CHARLES PERINE
DIRECTOR

Board Resolution 20-001

We, the Members and staff of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service, would like to submit the following Resolution to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Samuel “Sammy” Seroyer.

WHEREAS: God, in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to move from our midst our beloved colleague and friend, Samuel “Sammy” Seroyer, by means of death on May 25, 2020, we do pay tribute to the memory of his exceptional life of service and achievement; therefore we feel it proper to send this Resolution, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Seroyer began his career in the funeral profession at Silmon Funeral Home in Lafayette, AL in 1971.

Mr. Seroyer purchased Silmon Funeral Home in 1990 and faithfully serve his community and profession well through his duties as owner and operator of Silmon-Seroyer Funeral Home in Lafayette, AL until his health would no longer allow, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Seroyer served on the Alabama Board of Funeral Service as representative for District Three from January 1, 2010 until December 31, 2017, where he kept a watchful eye to make sure the best interest of the “little man” or the “mom and pop” funeral homes were embodied. Mr. Seroyer was a member of the Alabama Funeral Directors and Morticians Association and served his community through membership and volunteer work with many different local organizations, and

WHEREAS: The profession of Funeral Service is a call to be a servant. To serve families when they are heartbroken, to serve families when their understanding is cloudy by so many “whys”. To serve does not take much; a simple “hello”, a smile and a kind word of “everything will be ok” can go a long way. In his sermon, “Drum Major Instinct”, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said:

“If you want to be important—wonderful. If you want to be recognized—wonderful. If you want to be great—wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. (Amen) That's a new definition of greatness. And this morning, the thing that I like about it: by giving that definition of greatness, it means that everybody can be great, (Everybody) because everybody can serve. (Amen) You don't have to have a college degree to serve. (All right) You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. (Amen) You only need a heart full of grace, (Yes, sir, Amen) a soul generated by love. (Yes) And you can be that servant.”

Mr. Seroyer showed compassion when family and friends lost a loved one. He showed a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love. He demonstrated the spirit that all funeral professionals should have, the spirit of a servant to the citizens of Lafayette and the funeral profession in the State of Alabama.

WHEREAS: Mr. Seroyer was an outstanding funeral professional who will be remembered for being an individual who always had a smile on his face and an encouraging word on his lips; while his presence will be greatly missed, his legacy will endure, and his memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That though his presence will be greatly missed by his loved ones, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to the Divine Comforter who is able to sustain, encourage and strengthen all who call upon Him.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved: By the Alabama Board of Funeral Service, that though we mourn the death of Mr. Samuel "Sammy" Seroyer, we honor his life.

BE IT RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be provided to the family of Mr. Samuel Seroyer and a copy be placed in the official minutes of the July 13, 2020 Board meeting of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service.

Humbly submitted by : Mr. Mark Craddock, Chair District one Mr. Calvin Meadows, Vice- Chair District Six

Mr. John Cook Rudder, Secretary District Five Mr. Lorenzo Wright, Treasurer District Two

Mr. Lance Brooks District Three Mr. Bart Kirtland District Four

Mrs. Annie Bushelon-holt District Seven Mr. Ed Hines Consumer Member

Mr. Bobby Burt Consumer Member

Done this Twenty-ninth day of May, Two-Thousand-and- Twenty.