

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Quarterly Examination

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service will administer its quarterly state law examinations on **Thursday, April 28, 2011, 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:

Beth Wright Clark, Dagmar G. Kyburz, Edith Dorcas Gann, Serigo Sandchez Andrews, Matthew Joseph Woods, Leo Dwayne Gross, Marcus A. Nettles, William Grayson, Sean William O'Neill, Van Stephen Moore, William E. Cooper, Anthony Jacori Powell, Marcus Traci Freeman, Jeremy Edd Bass, Renoll Terrell Morgan, Bradley Noel Smith, Tracey Denise Collins, Michael Anthony Duncan, Michael Anthony White II, Melissa Mixon Smith

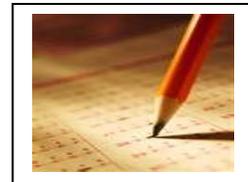
The Conference

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 licensing.

The Conference: www.theconferenceonline.org

Phone: 479-442-7076

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 third regular meeting of fiscal year 2011 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 April 20, 2011, in order to be placed on the agenda. Matters or subjects not on agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting.

Licenses Renewal

Anyone who has failed to submit their renewal paperwork for their funeral establishment, funeral director, embalmer or practical embalmer license by the March 31st deadline, your license(s) are now considered lapsed. At this time the establishment (s) or individual must cease operations and or practice. In order to resume operation or practice, the necessary paperwork and fees must be sent to the Board office, and then presented to the Board for reactivation approval.

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Welcome New Board Members

District 1: *Thomas Maye, Monroeville.* Replacing Carole J. Banks of Monroeville, Mr. Maye previously served on the Board from January 2007 until December 2008. Mr. Maye is a licensed funeral director and embalmer and has been employed with Jones Unity Funeral Home in Monroeville since 1950.

District 2: *Noah Turner, PhD, Troy.* Replacing Joe Lewis of Ozark, Mr. Turner became a national board certified funeral director and embalmer after attending Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Services in 1994. Mr. Turner is currently the manager of George F. Grubbs Funeral Home in Troy, AL and a member of the Alabama Funeral Directors and Morticians Association and the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association. Mr. Turner currently serves as the Board's secretary.

District 5: *Michael Morrison, CFSP, Muscle Shoals.* Replacing John Purdy of Huntsville, Mr. Morrison is a graduate of Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham. He is the Vice-President of Morrison Funeral Homes. He is a national board certified funeral director and embalmer, a state authorized pre-need sales agent, a state authorized cremationist, a state licensed insurance agent, a member of the AFDA, a member of the NFDA, and a member of the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. Mr. Morrison currently serves as the Board's vice-chairman.



Mr. Thomas Maye, District One
Jones Unity Funeral Home
Monroeville, AL



Mr. Michael Morrison, District Five
Morrison Funeral Home
Tuscumbia, AL



Mr. Noah Turner, District Two
George F. Grubbs Funeral Home
Troy, AL

Congratulation Licensees

*"The Profession should
be treated as a
profession and not a
semi-profession."
~Noah Turner
G.F. Grubbs
Funeral Home
Troy, AL*

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

Funeral Director:
Cynthia L. Battles
Zachary Blake
Carol E. Bolton
Alison K. Cantley
Lisa M. Chandler
Ben M. Crox, III
Michael L. Davis
Jeffery Huggins
Angela F. Hutchison
Margarie L.K. Ryals
Janet S. Smith
David F. Street
Thomas D. Yarbrough

Alvie R. Pace
Embalmer:
None

**Funeral Director
&Embalmer:**
Jessica L. Bowen
Robert Franklin
Jeffrey S. Heaton
Matthew S. Padgett
Martha S. Riley
Joseph C. White

Establishment:
Bowen Funeral Home
Winfield, AL

Ellison-Mims Funeral Home
Clanton, AL

Mosley's Funeral Home
Thomasville, AL

Trawick Ashford
Funeral Home
Ashford, AL

Good Luck to you all!

Violations with Charges

Charge	Number of Counts	Section of Law Violated	Penalty
The individual did misrepresent himself and his business by accepting embalming business without being properly licensed as a funeral establishment.	1	Section 34-13-56(2a), <u>Code of Alabama</u> , 1975	Fined \$250.00. Suspension of funeral director and embalming license for 30 days, stayed for 12 months.

Past Due!

2010 Inspection fees are now past due. Please remit payment at once. Establishments that have failed to submit past due inspection fees may be subject to further disciplinary action by the Board.

Inspection & Law Highlights

Section 22-19-5 - Use of approved identification system. (a) Each funeral establishment taking possession of a dead human body shall maintain an identification system approved by the Alabama Board of Funeral Service. The identification system may include any dignified method, including, but not limited to, an arm band or a wrist band, that will ensure the ability to identify the body from the time of taking possession of the body until the body is transferred to another entity or until final disposition. (b) A funeral establishment that maintains the required identification system approved by the Alabama Board of Funeral Service shall not be liable for misidentification that occurred prior to taking possession of the body or misidentification that occurs after the body has been transferred from the funeral establishment to another entity.

Section 34-13-56 - Grounds for revocation, suspension, or refusal to issue or renew licenses; fines.

(2) Unprofessional conduct, which is defined to include any of the following: (c.) Solicitation of dead human bodies by the licensee, his or her agents, assistants, or employees, whether the solicitation occurs after death or while death is impending. (d.) Employment by the licensee of a person or persons to be used for the purpose of obtaining or soliciting funeral directing or embalming business. (f) The buying of business by the licensee, his or her agents, assistants, or employees.

§34-13-110 – No person not licensed as a funeral director or embalmer shall be permitted to perform the functions of a funeral director or embalmer.

§34-13-52b – Every license issued under this chapter shall be displayed in the place of business or employment of the licensee (**Note:** If an establishment use a trade embalmer or part-time funeral director his/her license(s) should be posted also.)

FUNERAL DIRECTOR - A person required to be licensed to practice the profession of funeral directing under the laws of this state, who meets the public, who plans details of funeral services with members of the family and minister or any other person responsible for such planning, or who directs, is in charge, or apparent charge of, and supervises funeral service in a funeral home, church, or other place; who enters into the making, negotiation, or completion of financial arrangements for funerals, including, but not limited to, the sale and selection of funeral supplies, or who uses in connection with the profession of funeral directing the words or terms "funeral director," "undertaker," "funeral counselor," "mortician," or any other word, term, or picture or combination thereof when considered in context in which used, from which can be implied the practicing of the profession of funeral directing or that the person using such word, term, or picture can be implied to be holding himself or herself out to the public as being engaged in the profession of funeral directing; and for all purposes under Alabama law, a funeral director is considered a professional; provided, for the purposes of this chapter, the term or terms shall not include any cemetery authority as defined in this section.

FUNERAL DIRECTING - The practice of directing or supervising funerals, the practice of preparing dead human bodies for burial by means other than embalming, or the preparation for the disposition of dead human bodies; the making of arrangements or providing for funeral services or the making of financial arrangements for the rendering of these services or the sale of this merchandise or supplies; the provision or maintenance of a place for the preparation for disposition of dead human bodies; or the use of the words or term "funeral director," "undertaker," "mortician," "funeral parlor," or any other word or term from which can be implied the practice of funeral directing; or the holding out to the public that one is a funeral director or engaged in a practice described in this subdivision.



*Every job is a self-portrait of the person who does it.
Autograph your work with excellence.
~Author Unknown*



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