

ALABAMA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2010

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service held its second regular meeting of fiscal year 2009-2010 on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in Room P-103 of the Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Members present were Carole Jones Banks, John Purdy, Joe Lewis, Terry Wilson, Jason Maise, Sammy Seroyer, and Rita Woods. Staff present were Warren Higgins, Executive Secretary and Lorenzo Wright, Associate Executive Secretary, recording.

Mr. Higgins called the meeting to order and declared all previous offices of the Board vacant due to the new term and opened the floor for nominations for the office of chairman. Ms. Woods nominated Ms. Banks, seconded by Mr. Purdy. Mr. Lewis nominated Mr. Maise, seconded by Mr. Purdy. With no other nominations, a vote was taken with Ms. Woods, Ms. Banks, Mr. Purdy, Mr. Seroyer, and Mr. Wilson voting for Ms. Banks and Mr. Maise and Mr. Lewis voting for Mr. Maise. Mr. Higgins then yielded the chair to Ms. Banks, who opened the nominations for vice-chair. Ms. Woods nominated Mr. Purdy, seconded by Mr. Maise. With no other nominations, Mr. Purdy was elected unanimously. Mr. Purdy nominated Mr. Maise for treasurer. Mr. Maise declined the nomination and nominated Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Purdy. With no other nomination, Mr. Lewis was elected unanimously. Mr. Maise nominated Mr. Wilson for secretary, seconded by Mr. Purdy. With no other nominations, Mr. Wilson was elected unanimously.

Ms. Woods moved to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion passed unanimously.

In new business, Mr. Purdy moved to approve all applicants who passed the state law exams given earlier that day upon the passing certification from the Conference under the new testing format, or those who had otherwise qualified for licensing. Seconded by Ms. Woods, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Maise moved to approve the reregistration of apprentice funeral director applications with previous time served as an apprentice credited to the current registration for Tessler Williams, Eric Ray, Joseph Hall, Brian Isbell, Derrious Hardy, Demetri Williams, Betty Pullin, Earnest Hill, LaTunya Paul, and Kenny Washington. Seconded by Ms. Woods, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Maise moved to approve the reinstatement of funeral director licenses for Christopher Madison and Carmen Fluker. Seconded by Ms. Woods, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Woods moved to approve the funeral establishment applications for Kent Thornton Funeral Home of Dothan, Christian Memorial Funeral Home of Brewton, Linville Memorial Funeral Home of Tallassee, Folsom Heritage Chapel of Piedmont, and Mayberry Funeral Home of Atmore. Seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion passed with four in favor with Mr. Maise, Mr. Seroyer, and Ms. Banks abstaining. Mr. Maise moved to approve the establishment application of Clayton Memorial Chapel pending the establishment passes inspection. Seconded by Mr. Seroyer, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Maise moved to approve the establishment application of Hueytown Funeral Home pending final sale and court approval. Seconded by Mr. Purdy, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Maise moved to approve the establishment application of Peaceful Rest Funeral Home of Jasper pending certification of a licensed funeral director and embalmer. Seconded by Ms. Woods, the motion passed unanimously.

In other new business, the Board discussed the upcoming vacancy of the position of Associate Executive Secretary. Mr. Higgins reported that the Board's legal counsel suggested that a four member search committee to review the resumes and interview the applicants and then make recommendations to the full Board for consideration. Mr. Maise moved to require that the eventual appointee be licensed as both a funeral director and embalmer. Seconded by Mr. Seroyer, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Maise moved that the selection committee be made up of the officers. That motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Seroyer moved the chair appoint the committee. Seconded by Ms. Woods, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Maise moved that the pay range for the position be \$45,000 to \$50,000 annually. Seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Higgins reported that sunset legislation for the Board had been introduced in the legislature, recommending that the Board be continue for 2 years beginning October 1, 2010.

Mr. Maise moved to approve a resolution requesting an Attorney General's Opinion to determine if a Board member who also received salary from another state entity would be considered serving two "offices of profit" simultaneously. Seconded by Mr. Purdy the motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to the previously passed motion, Ms. Banks announced that the search committee would be made up of the Board's officers.

Mr. Higgins presented a resolution passed by the House of Representative to former member and Chairman Tony Taylor, which commended Mr. Taylor for his contributions to the funeral industry, his service on the Board, and his leadership as chairman.

Mr. Higgins, many of the members, and those in attendance expressed the appreciation and commendations to Mr. Lorenzo Wright for his 25 years of service with the Board and expressed their best wishes on his upcoming retirement.

Being no other business, Mr. Maise moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Woods, the motion passed unanimously and the Board meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY