

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Quarterly Examination

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service will administer its quarterly state law examinations on **Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Room P-104 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:

Zachary Blake Ellis, Donald Wade Demarco, Amber Leigh Gilbert, Brain James Isbell, Kenny Armond Abercrombie, Jerry Lynn Curry, Brandon O'Shea Martin, Jeffery Glenn Huggins, Charles Ervin Kennedy, Catrina M. Kennedy, John Curtis Rodgers, Veronica Jones Croone, and Angela Faye Hutchison, Hernan Kenneth-Floore Iriarte, Brandia Shreen Copeland, Richard L. Osborn, David Kent Graddy, Michael Tharp, Mark

McDaniel, Sean William O'Neill, Dwight Leon Henderson, William E. Cooper, John Irby Weaver, Joe Amos Kent, Gregory Dale Fanin, David Frank Street and Brenda Kennedy.

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
479-442-7076
www.theconferenceonline.org

Pearson VUE:
Birmingham: 205-982-2063
Decatur: 256-552-0667
Dothan: 334-671-7007
Mobile: 251-343-2601
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The Board

The Board will hold its first regular meeting of fiscal year 2010-11 at 11a.m. in Room P-104 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 12, 2010, in order to be placed on the agenda. Matters or subjects not on agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the

meeting.

"We compliment you on your success and send our best wishes for the future."

Congratulation Licensees

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

Funeral Director:
Rodney Craig
Michael Agnew

Embalmer:
NONE

Funeral Director & Embalmer:
Thomas Whitson
Dana Jones

Establishment:
Kirk Funeral Home
Demopolis, AL

Ward's Funeral Home
Valley, AL

Davis Memorial Mortuary
Valley, AL

Bessemer Brown Service
Bessemer, AL

Melvin Miller Funeral
Service
Marion, AL

Pending Inspection:
JMW Mortuary
Birmingham, AL
Inspection Passed

REMINDER

License renewal applications for fiscal year 2010-11 were mailed in July to the last known address of the licensee. The deadline to renew without penalty was October 1, 2010. 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 \$25 late penalty has been applied.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office at (334) 242-4049 and will be happy to assist you.



FYI

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 expected to appear before

the Board at its October 26, 2010 meeting to explain their failure to comply with Alabama Funeral Service Law and may be subject to their establishment license being revoke in accordance with Title 34,

Chapter 13, Section 111.

The individuals that have been contacted concerning bad checks in the Board office will also be expected to appear and subject to their individual licenses being revoke.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On October 26, 2010, at 11 a.m., in Room P-104 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, 2010. Those districts are one, two, and five. District One is in southwest Alabama, District Two is in Southeast Alabama, and District Five is in extreme north Alabama running along the Tennessee border. 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 for at least ten consecutive years or a funeral director.
- 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 may have one funeral director for each establishment. If anyone has questions about the nomination process or districts, please contact the Board office.



Inspection Highlights

§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.

§395-X-6-.01 – The preparation room of a funeral establishment shall have 1) one approved embalming table, 2) all professional instruments necessary for embalming, 3) walls and floors shall be non-porous, 4) equipped with hot and cold running water, 5) a ventilation fan, 6) container or receptacles for soiled linen or clothing, 7) devices for proper drainage and waste disposal, and 8) all contents or items shall be kept clean of blood when not in use and at no time will the preparation room be used as a storage.

§395-X-6-.02 – In addition to statutory requirements the display room shall be clean and neatly arranged and shall be stocked with a minimum of eight adult caskets.

§34-13-9 – Each funeral home shall have a card or brochure in each casket stating the price of the funeral service using said casket and listing the services and other merchandise included in the price.

§34-13-23 "i" – Each member of the board, the executive secretary, the associate executive secretary and designated employees of the board appropriately identified are authorized on complaint or for inspection purposes to enter the office, premise, establishment or place of business of any funeral service licensee in the State of Alabama or any office, premises, establishment or place where the practice of funeral service is carried on, or where the practice is advertised as being carried on, for the purpose of inspecting the office, premises or establishment and for the purpose of inspecting the license and registration of any funeral service licensee and apprentice.

“Character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking. There are too many people who think that the only thing that's right is to get by, and the only thing that's wrong is to get caught.”
~J.C. Watts

***** PLEASE MAKE NOTICE AVAILABLE TO ALL EMPLOYEES.