



March 13, 2015

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## *Examination*

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service has certified the following individuals with The Conference as having met the qualification to take the Alabama State Law Exam and the Alabama Funeral Director and/or Embalmer Exam:

Frank K. Jones	Eddie L. Sheffield	Nathan L. McCradic	Creniesha D. Wiggins
Robynne E. Gray	Douglas W. Fields	Terry D. Clecker	Danae A. Magee
Steven L. Ryan	Brittany N. Chancey	Andrea M. Gladden	Olu Y. B. Harrison
Anthony H. Skeen	Frank J. Poston	Clifford B. Toney, Sr.	Charles M. Sherman
Jarrold A. Mack	Tyrone J. S. Barrow		

Once an individual has taken the exam and met all the requirements for licensure, they will appear before the Board for an interview and final approval for licensure.

## *The Conference*

As stated in previous notices, the Alabama State Law, Funeral Director and Embalmer's exams will be given by The Conference through Pearson VUE testing centers at five locations statewide. The exam fees and applications are to be submitted by the applicant to The Conference. The state license fees, applications, and affidavits shall be submitted to the Board office.

The Conference: [www.theconferenceonline.org](http://www.theconferenceonline.org)

Phone: 479-442-7076

Pearson VUE:	Birmingham	Decatur	Dothan	Mobile	Montgomery
	205-982-2063	256-552-0667	334-671-7007	251-343-2601	334-271-8995

## *Board Meeting*

The Board will hold its third regular meeting of fiscal year 2015 on **April 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 304 of the Alabama State House. Matters or subjects not on the agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting. **Licensees who attend the quarterly board meeting will receive hour for hour CE Credits for attending.**

## *Interview*

The following individuals will come before the Board on April 13, 2015 to interview for final approval for licensure:

Carlos Black	Terry D. Cleckler	Charles M. Sherman	Brandi N. Elder
--------------	-------------------	--------------------	-----------------

## ***INSPECTION REPORT***

ALL ESTABLISHMENTS: Inspection reports and invoices will be email to the email address the Board has on file for the establishment. The email will be from the following email address: [notifications@alabamainteractive.org](mailto:notifications@alabamainteractive.org)

The invoice will be emailed shortly after the inspection is completed. Failure to receive an invoice does not excuse an establishment from paying the inspection fee within the 45 day time allotment for inspection fees to be paid. Inspection fees can be paid online by going to the Homepage of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service website and click on the “PAY INSPECTION FEE” button. Establishments should login using the same login information they use to renew their establishment license.

## ***RENEWAL REMINDER***

Anyone who has not renewed their funeral establishment, funeral director, embalmer or practical embalmer license, may still do so with a \$50.00 late penalty until March 31, 2015. If you fail to submit your paperwork and fee, including late penalty, for renewal by the March 31st deadline, the license(s) will be considered lapsed. At which time the establishment (s) or individual must cease operations and or practice. Any paperwork and fees received after the March 31st deadline must go before the Board for reactivation approval. ***ONLINE RENEWAL*** is available for individual licensees and establishments by going to the Homepage of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service website and click on the “ONLINE RENEWAL” button.



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

**Funeral Director:**

Shane Donovan Ogle  
Natasha Ann Braddy  
James Arthur Peck

**Funeral Director:**

Bradley E. Spivey  
Kelly Coleman Karrh, Jr.

**Funeral Director & Embalmer:**

Jeremy Terrell Scruggs  
Jacquetta La’Viette Jones  
Desi Montez Corley  
Joel David Davis

**Establishment:**

Morgan Funeral Chapel and Crematory – Buyout by SCI  
Attalla

Southern Memorial Funeral Home  
Dothan

Colonial Funeral Home – Buyout by Grimsley Holdings, LLC  
Phenix City

Rainey Mortuary Service  
Tuscaloosa

*“Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals.”*  
- Sir William Gladstone

### ***111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards***

The Conference held its Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly on February 24, 25, and 26, 2015 in Dallas, TX. This year Alabama was represented by Charles Perine, Executive Secretary; Denise Grogan, Associate Executive Secretary; John Cook Rudder, District 5 Board Member; and Calvin Meadows, District 6 Board Member.

The Board members attended a seven hour Board Member Training Program which familiarize regulatory board members on the roles and responsibilities of serving on a funeral service regulatory board. They attended seminars that covered the following topics: the role of a regulatory board member, political realities of boards, adjudication/discipline/enforcement, the licensure examination, and other current regulatory issues.

Mr. Perine attended a four hour Funeral Service Administrators Forum and Mrs. Grogan attended the Examination Services Forum.

All the representatives of Alabama attended business meetings and forums on the Model Practice Act, Examination Security Legal Issues, Recent Legal Cases involving regulatory boards, Statutory Authority, Board Collaboration in Regulation, Alternative Certifications, District Meetings, Awards Luncheon, and they participated in group exercises where they were able to discuss issues in each jurisdiction.

The purpose of The Conference is to aid regulators of the death care profession in the protection of consumers by:

1. Facilitating communication and providing a forum for exchange of information and ideas among Member Boards concerning legal regulation of the death care profession.
2. Encouraging and aiding collaborative efforts among Member Boards in developing compatible standards and cooperative procedures for the legal regulation of the death care profession toward the goal of simplifying and standardizing the licensing process.
3. Representing the opinions of The Conference in serving to protect the public in those matters related to the rendering of professional death care services through interaction with other related associations, legislative, judicial, regulatory or executive governmental bodies and with other groups or associations whose areas of interest may coincide with those of Member Boards.
4. Providing assistance to Member Boards in fulfilling statutory, public and ethical obligations in legal regulation and enforcement.
5. Engaging in and encouraging research on matters related to regulation.
6. Providing examinations for use in licensure by Member Boards, including, but not limited to, the National Board Exam, State Board Exams, and jurisprudence examinations.

***Violations***

<b>Case No.</b>	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
ABFS14-041	Operating funeral establishment without a license. 34-13-111(a); Performing services for an unlicensed establishment. 34-13-56(a)(2)(p); Misrepresenting an establishment as being licensed. 34-13-56(a)(2)(a); Failure to register an establishment. 34-13-111(a)	Fined \$11,250.00 Funeral Director and Embalmer licenses placed on probation for 3 years.
ABFS14-046	Engaged in improper dealing with an entity operating as a funeral establishment without a license. 34-13-56(a)(2)(dd); Failed to maintain a complete embalming log 395-X-6-.06.	Fined \$6,000.00 Establishment placed on probation for 2 years.
ABFS14-048	Aided and abetted unlicensed practice. 34-13-56(a)(2)(i); False Advertising an individual as being certified or licensed. 34-13-56(a)(2)(a); Allowed an individual to engage in the business of a funeral director. 34-13-70(a)	Fined \$16,000.00 Managing Funeral Director and Managing Embalmer placed on probation for 2 years. Establishment placed on probation for 3 years.

***CONTINUING EDUCATION***

***The Alabama Board of Funeral Services will offer continuing education credit to licensees that attend quarterly board meetings.***

**Approved Continuing Education Providers 2014-2015**

**Community Grief Support**

205.870.8667 Fax: 205.870.4652  
[ssweatcgss@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssweatcgss@bellsouth.net)

**Jzyk Ennis**

205.821.0454 Fax: 205.856.7804  
[jzykennis@charter.net](mailto:jzykennis@charter.net)

**A Center for Continuing Education**

800.344.1921 Fax: 770.702.7914  
[dharrison@acceducation.com](mailto:dharrison@acceducation.com)

**National Funeral Professionals Association**

251.441.7688 251.434.2517  
[tristatemorturay@gmail.com](mailto:tristatemorturay@gmail.com)

**Dignity University**

713.525.7348 Fax: 713.525.7701  
[Dignity.university@Sci-us.com](mailto:Dignity.university@Sci-us.com)

**Atlantic Coast Life Insurance Company**

205.529.0005 Fax: 866.276.9960  
[AlabamaPreneed@gmail.com](mailto:AlabamaPreneed@gmail.com)

**Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity, Inc**

951.683.5400 Fax: 951.683.5401

**Academy of Graduate Embalmers**

770.445.3180 Fax: 770.445.3893

www.ageg.org

**Alabama Board of Funeral Service**

334.242.4049 Fax: 334.353.7988

www.fsb.alabama.gov

**Alabama Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc.**

www.alabamafdma.org

**Aurora Casket Company, Inc.**

800.457.1111

www.auroracasket.com

**CANA-Cremation Association of North America**

312.245.1077 Fax: 312.321.4098

www.cremationassociation.org

**Funeral CE (a service of Web CE)**

877.332.8480 Fax: 214.570.0213

www.funeralce.com

**FuneralDirectorCEUs.com**

250.744.3595

**Gupton Jones College of Funeral Service**

800.848.5352 Fax: 770.593.1891

www.gupton-jones.edu

**Matthews Cremation**

800.327.2831 Fax: 407.886.5990

www.matthewscremation.com

**National Funeral Directors Association**

800.228.6332 Fax: 262.789.6977

www.nfda.org

**Pierce Mortuary Colleges**

888.547.9600 Fax: 214.467.3940

www.pierce.edu

**Smalls Mortuary Inc. and Cremation Service**

251.990.3929 Fax: 251.990.3729

smallsmortuary.com

**The Dodge Company, Inc.**

800.443.6343 Fax: 800.443.4034

seminars@dodgeco.com

**Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, Inc.**

866.431.2377 Fax: 770.646.9490

www.apfsp.org

**Alabama Funeral Directors Association**

334.956.8000 Fax: 334.956.8001

www.alabamafda.org

**Apex (continuing education solutions)**

800.769.8996 Fax: 888.902.8184

Apexces.com

**Batesville Casket Company**

812.934.7500 Fax: 812.934.1538

www.batesville.com

**Elite CME, Inc.**

888.857.6920

**FuneralContinuingEducation.com**

718.608.6000 Fax: 917.791.8975

Funeralcontinuingeducation.com

**FuneralReview.com LLC**

www.funeralreview.com

**Jefferson State Community College**

205.856.7847 Fax: 205.856.7804

**Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**

251.661.7700 Fax: 251.661.7743

**National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association**

800.434.0958 Fax: 404.286.6573

www.nfdama.com

**Practicum Strategies**

800.731.4714 Fax: 800.591.6391

pshomestudy.com

**Thanos Institute**

800.742.8257

www.thanosinstitute.com

**The University of Alabama**

205.348.9966 Fax: 205.348.9276

\*\*\* Licensees should CONTACT THE PROVIDER FOR DETAILS ON APPROVED COURSES\*\*\*  
 No endorsement is intended or made of any link, product, service or information either by its inclusion or exclusion from the Alabama Board of Funeral Service website. **Please Note:** Most courses that are APFSP approved do not need a separate Board approval.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARK N. CRADDOCK  
CITRONELLE

JOE E. LEWIS  
OZARK

SAMUEL SEROYER  
LAFAYETTE

BART KIRTLAND  
BOAZ

JOHN C. RUDDER  
SCOTTSBORO

CALVIN MEADOWS  
MONTEVALLO

JASON WYATT  
TUSCALOOSA



**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**ALABAMA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE**  
ALABAMA STATEHOUSE, SUITE 204  
11 SOUTH UNION STREET  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130

Phone: (334) 242-4049  
Fax: 334-353-7988

MAILING ADDRESS:  
P.O. BOX 309522  
MONTGOMERY, AL36130-9522

Email: [info@fsb.alabama.gov](mailto:info@fsb.alabama.gov)

STAFF

CHARLES M. PERINE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
[Charles.perine@fsb.alabama.gov](mailto:Charles.perine@fsb.alabama.gov)

E. DENISE GROGAN  
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
[Denise.grogan@fsb.alabama.gov](mailto:Denise.grogan@fsb.alabama.gov)

SHERRY DAWSON  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
[Sherrye.dawson@fsb.alabama.gov](mailto:Sherrye.dawson@fsb.alabama.gov)

T. CAMERON McEWEN  
LEGAL COUNSEL  
(334)353-1876

---

*We're on the Web!*

*Visit us at:*

[www.fsb.alabama.gov](http://www.fsb.alabama.gov)

---

Alabama Board of Funeral Service  
P.O. Box 309522  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

