

ALABAMA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

APRIL 5, 2012

Quarterly Examination & Board Meeting

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service will administer its quarterly state law examinations on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, 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:

Randall S. Suttles, James M. Shockney, Kim R. Dale, Ricky Sherrod, Elijah Rollins, III, Renee K. Wales, John R. Milstead, Mark J. Green, Andrew M. Gill, Sheffton M. Goodson, Alicia M. Hafner, Jared M. Staton, Hugh M. Glidewell, III, Alexandrina M. Hayes, Ronald D. Mitchell, Michael K. Davis, William Peevy, Brandon D. Trawick, Jasmine L. Odum, Deaquernita Davidson-Melton, Doris J. W. Brown, Lashari A. Scott, Darnell Gardner, Tyrone Crittenden, Cedric L. Clifton, Kimberly A. Dowdy, Derrick L. Otts, Tessler L. Williams, Joseph R. Fletcher, Sr., Ollye M. Ward, Rodney T. Massey, Justin R. Harvest, Jon G. Davidson.

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.

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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 2012 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 18, 2012, in order to be placed on the agenda. Matters or subjects not on agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting.

Laws and State Law Exam

The amended Alabama Funeral Service Administrative Laws became effective on March 5, 2012. Under the new laws the passing score for the Alabama State Law Exam is 75%. The new administrative laws (effective March 5, 2012) and the new statutory laws (effective October 1, 2011) can be found on the board's website at www.fsb.alabama.gov. **Beginning with the April 25, 2012 exam, individuals will be tested on the new laws.**

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

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District 2 Noah Turner

District 3 Samuel Seroyer

District 4 Bart Kirtland

District 5 Michael Morrison

District 6 Calvin Meadows

District 7 Jason Wyatt

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Welcome New Board Members

Pursuant to §34-13-20, Code of Alabama, 1975, funeral directors and embalmers of Alabama gathered in October in Montgomery to select nominations for districts which terms expired December 31, 2011. The following nominees were selected by the governor for appointment to the Board for the next two years:

District 3: Sammy Seroyer, Lafayette. Mr. Seroyer has served on the Board since January, 2010, replacing Tony Taylor of Phenix City. He was re-appointed to the Board for a second term in January 2012. Mr. Seroyer began his funeral service career in July, 1971 with Silmon Funeral Home of Lafayette. He is currently the owner of Silmon Seroyer Funeral Home in Lafayette. He is currently a member of the Alabama Funeral Directors and Morticians Association and the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association. Mr. Seroyer currently serves as the Board's vice-chair.

District 4: Bart Kirtland, Boaz. Replacing Jason Maise of Glencoe, Mr. Kirtland is a 1991 graduate of Jefferson State Community College. Mr. Kirtland is a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer. He is currently the assistant manager of Albertville Memorial Chapel.

District 6: Calvin Meadows, D.D., Montevallo. Replacing Terry Wilson of Pell City, Mr. Meadows began his funeral service career as owner and operator of The Good Shepherd Funeral Home in Montevallo in June 1994. He has been a License Funeral Director since October 1996. Mr. Meadows is a member of the Alabama Funeral Directors and Morticians Association serving as District Six Representative and the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association.

District 7: Jason Wyatt, Tuscaloosa. Replacing Rita Woods of Lisman, Mr. Wyatt is a 1994 graduate of Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham. He is co-owner and manager of Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel. Mr. Wyatt is a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer. He is a member of the Alabama Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association. Mr. Wyatt currently serves as the Board's treasurer.

We would like to thank Mrs. Rita Woods, Mr. Terry Wilson and Mr. Jason Maise for there time and efforts during their time on the Board.

Congratulation Licensees

“IF I CAN STOP ONE HEART
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~ EMILY DICKINSON

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

Funeral Director:
Catrina H. Kennedy
Madalyn Lee-Cumberlander
Marvin L. Pittman
Valregenia F. Wills

Embalmer:
None

Funeral Director & Embalmer:
Faye L. McCorkle-Mills
Cheridie E. Kilpatrick
Joseph D. Findley
William W. Albritton
Michael A. Cloud, Jr.
David Lee DeBord
William M. Grayson, Jr.

Establishment:

Sumbry Memorial Funeral Home
Phenix City

Kilgore-Green Funeral Home
Jasper

Good Luck to you all!

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.



New Fees effective March 5, 2012

FEE TYPE/PURPOSE	AMOUNT	FEE TYPE/PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Funeral Director Application Fee	\$100.00	Reissued License Due to Name Change	\$25.00
Embalmer Application Fee	\$100.00	Special Operating Permit	\$50.00
Apprentice Funeral Director / Apprentice Embalmer Application Fee	\$20.00	Late Renewal Fee or Lapsed Penalty	\$50.00
Funeral Est. Application Fee	\$400.00	Reciprocity Licenses	\$250.00
Funeral Director / Embalmer / Practical Embalmer Renewal Fee	\$100.00	Reciprocity Special Work Permit	\$25.00
Funeral Est. Renewal Fee	\$250.00	Funeral Est. New Branch or Location	\$250.00
Funeral Director Apprentice / Embalmer Apprentice Renewal	\$20.00	Funeral Est. – License Transfer	\$25.00
Funeral Est. Original Inspection	\$150.00	Late Penalty for Past Due Inspection Fee	\$150.00
Funeral Est. Re-Inspection Fee	\$150.00	Funeral Establishment Annual Inspection Fee	\$75.00

Federal Trade Commission

The Code of Alabama, 1975, Section 34 - 13- 9 states that Funeral service, cemetery service, and funeral merchandise pricing shall conform to rules established by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). In recent inspections, 5 out of 40 funeral homes inspected has met the requirements set by the FTC. The common violations have been the following:

- No General Price List for the public
- No Casket Price List (CPL)
- No Outer Burial Container Price list (OBC)
- General Price List does not have the required Itemized Prices
- General Price list does not have the required Disclosures.
- No reason for embalming stated when charging for embalming.
- Statement of Goods and Services (“The Contract”) are not itemized.

Each funeral establishment should visit the FTC website at <http://business.ftc.gov/documents/bus05-complying-funeral-rule> and review the Funeral Rule to make sure your establishment is in compliance with FTC.

Reminder:

All licenses granted by the Board shall be on public display in a location of the establishment that is not restricted from the public travel.

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“To do more for the world than the world does for you - that is success.”

~Henry Ford

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