



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

BOARD MEETING

The Board will hold its third regular meeting of fiscal year 2022 on **April 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Board's office located at 4276 Lomac Street, Montgomery, AL 36106.** Matters or subjects not on the agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to §34-13-20, Code of Alabama, 1975, funeral directors and embalmers of Alabama gathered in Montgomery on October 4, 2021, and nomination individuals for districts whose terms would expire on December 31, 2021. Of those nominations, the following individuals were appointed by the governor to serve on the Board for the next four years:

District Three

Lance Brooks

District Four

J. D. Williams

District Six

Bryonda Collins

District Seven

Rachel Arrington

APPLICATION STATUS

Submit an application? Application status can be checked by clicking the link and completing the required information. <https://alfsb.igovsolution.net/online/Lookups/Applicationstatus>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

65 before October 1, 2022, with 10 years of service in the funeral industry? Congratulations, you are exempt from the continuing education requirements! Many wishes for a happy year if you have celebrated a birthday since the last Quarterly Newsletter.

EXAMINATION

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

Kimberly Jackson

Jamaal Hunter

Torcealon Kelley

Timothy C. Kilpatrick

Tanya Kloenne

Grissel Sanchez

JeMonda Moore

Janice Palmer-Wright

Lynn S. Cleghorn

Nathaniel Holloway

Charles A. Atchinson

Megan W. Hilyer

Applicants for the Art or Science exam shall:

1. Submit application for permanent license to the Board's office.
2. Eligibility will be verified by the Board's staff and sent to The Conference.
3. Applicants must register with The Conference at www.theconferenceonline.org to submit their exam application and payment.
4. Please keep in mind, processing takes anywhere from 2-3 business days. The Conference must have your eligibility, application, and payment to schedule an exam. You will be notified by email when you are eligible to schedule.

THE CONFERENCE

The Funeral Director and Embalmer exams administered by the Conference are available thru Alabama Pearson VUE testing centers. The exam application and fee are submitted to The Conference by the applicant. The licensing application, application fee, and additional documents as required shall be submitted to the Board's office.

The Conference: www.theconferenceonline.org

Phone: 479-442-7076

Pearson VUE testing centers	Birmingham 205-982-2063	Decatur 256-552-0667	Dothan 334-671-7007	Mobile 251-343-2601	Montgomery 334-409-9355
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STATE LAW EXAM

The 2022 dates for the LRR Exam and the deadline for registration are as follows: Applications, registrations, and fees must be received prior to the deadline listed below. If the registered applicant fails to appear for the exam, the registration fee is forfeited.

Alabama State Laws, Rules, and Regulations (LRR) Exam	
Deadline to	Exam Date
April 4, 2022	April 11, 2022
May 9, 2022	May 16, 2022



*Funeral Director/Embalmer LRR Exam Time: 9:00 a.m.

*Cremationist Exam Time: 10:30 a.m.

*The candidate must arrive at the exam location no later than 30 minutes prior to the exam.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

IT IS ALMOST RENEWAL TIME. HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION?

The 2020-2022 reporting period ends October 1, 2022. To renew, ALL licensees (cremationists too) are required to complete eight (8) hours of BOARD approved continuing education, including courses in both ETHICS and BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN/UNIVERSAL PRECAUTION.

REVIEW YOUR ONLINE PROFILE...

Licensees can update their online profile and view course completions thru "online services" by clicking the link https://alfsb.igovsolution.net/online/User_login.aspx

Questions related to a course completion should be directed to the provider.

ARE YOU A CREMATIONISTS?

Is your crematory operator training course over four years old? To renew your license, you must complete a Board approved, re-fresher course, crematory operator training, or course in cremation.



The following licenses were approved during the January Board meeting

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Sam L. Russell
Aron Armour
Holly Box

Arthur D. Anderson
Logan Kelley
Juanita McKinnon

Rita Chapman
Karl Bell, Jr.
Torcealon Kelley

FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER

Holly Lucke

Solomon Strong

Melinda Harmon

CREMATIONIST

Andrea Smith
Jeffrey O'Bryant
Matthew Simmons
Jennifer Crocker
Russell McLachlan

Sanmortenno Battle
Krista Caldwell
John Grubbs
Angela Young
Raechelle McCoy

Joseph Boner-Bey
Eldrick Brown
Benjamin Curtis
Charles Box
Andrew Wackerle

REACTIVATION

Funeral Director: 3
Funeral Director and Embalmer: 2

ESTABLISHMENTS

Neptune Society (Daphne)	New
Christian Benevolent Funeral Home (Mobile)	Buy Out
Freeman Hood Funeral Services (Jasper)	New
Shelton Funeral Home (Decatur)	Buy Out

ACTIVE LICENSES AS OF MARCH 9, 2022

Establishments	476	Crematories	64
Mortuary Services	1	Cremationists	280
Funeral Directors	1505	Apprentice Funeral Directors	255
Embalmers	829	Apprentice Embalmers	152
Practical Embalmers	47	CE Providers	37
Special Work Permit-Director	1	Special Work Permit-Embalmer	0
Special Work Permit-Cremationist	1		

LAWS, RULES, and REGUALTIONS EXAM (12-9-2021 – 3-9-2022) Given: 20 Passed: 15 Failed: 2

BACKGROUND CHECKS (12-9-2021 – 3-9-2022) Year to date: 93

ADMIISTRATIVE HEARINGS (10-1-2021 to 1-6-2022)

Case Number	Violation		Penalty
	Statute(s) Code of Alabama, 1975	Administrative Code Chapter 395	
ABFS21-0046 ABFS vs Derrious Hardy and Grace Memorial Chapel	34-13-56(c)(2)(dd);34-13-56(c)(2)(1)		Final Order-Payment of \$17,500.00 on or before June 6, 2022; FD license suspension continued until June 7, 2022; Est. license probation continued until June 7, 2022; FD and Est. licenses shall be REVOKED if \$17,500.00 is not paid on or before June 6, 2022.



Alabama Funeral Services Statues Code of Alabama 1975

Section 34-13-9 Pricing requirements.

“Funeral service, cemetery service, and funeral merchandise pricing shall conform to rules established by the Federal Trade Commission...”

“§453.2(b)(5) of the FTC Funeral Rule states funeral providers must “Give an itemized written statement for retention to each person who arranges a funeral or other disposition of human remains, at the conclusion of the discussion of arrangements. The statement must list

at least the following information: (i) the funeral goods and funeral services selected by that person and the prices to be paid for each of them.”

Section 34-13-121 Cremation procedures; authorization; identification of remains; records.

“(a) Human remains shall not be cremated under either of the following circumstances:

- (1) Within 24 hours after the time of death, unless death was a result of an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease and unless the disease is verified and the time requirement waived by a medical examiner, county health director, county coroner, or attending physician where the death occurred.
- (2) Without a completed cremation authorization form approved by the board and signed by the authorizing agent and a completed state identification form. A copy of the cremation authorization shall be presented with the body to the crematory before any cremation process may be initiated.”

Cremation authorization(s) shall be obtained prior to the cremation.

“The Reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more”

-Jonas Salk