



March 6, 2017

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:

Glinda Jean Cochran	Frank Kenneth Jones	Derrick Wesley Puris	Katherine Anne Statler
Rickney Bryonne Hunter	Reginald Bernard Wells	Lindsay Brooke Thompson	Jackie Derian Sampson
Demetrius Andra Clark	Travell Jamal Christian	Timothy Ray Ellison	Caleb Aaron Roberts

Steps to taking the Alabama State Art, Science, or Law exam:

1. **Submit application to the Board office for permanent license.**
2. **Eligibility will be verified and sent to The Conference by the Board staff.**
3. **Applicants must then go to The Conference website 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. You will be notified through email once you have been processed and you are able to schedule.**

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

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 2016 on **April 3, 2017 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.**

Board Appointments

The Honorable Gov. Robert Bentley made the following reappointments to serve another term effective January 1, 2017 and expiring on December 31, 2018 on the Alabama Board of Funeral Service:

District One – Mr. Mark N. Craddock

District Two – Mr. Lorenzo Wright

District Five – Mr. John C. Rudder

Reminder - Renewal Time

Anyone who has not renewed their apprentice certification, funeral establishment, funeral director, embalmer or practical embalmer license, may still do so with a \$50.00 late penalty until **March 31, 2017**. If you fail to submit your paperwork and fee, including late penalty, for renewal by the **March 31st deadline**, the license(s) or certification 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 establishment by going to the Homepage of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service website and click on the “ONLINE RENEWAL” button. A valid credit card will be needed to complete the online renewal. There will be a 4% administration fee added to each license that is renewed using the online system.



Having passed the state law exam, having met the passing criteria of the International Conference under the new testing format or having met the requirements for licensure by reciprocity, I, Charles Perine, certify the following individuals have met the qualifications for licensure in the State of Alabama in accordance with Title 34 Chapter 13 of the *Code of Alabama 1975* and Administrative Code 395 as a funeral director and/or embalmer and with the approval of the Board have issued license to practice to:

Funeral Director

Ronald B. Goins

Funeral Director & Embalmer

Shelby B. Lett

Mikala B. Smith

Deborah S. Greene

John T. McDougal

Jennifer G. Hill

Kevin S. Brawley

Brandon K. Greene

Establishments

At its last meeting, the Board approved the following establishment licenses:

Pine Rest Funeral Home	Buyout	Foley, AL
Hackleburg Funeral Home	New Establishment	Hackleburg, AL
Ashley’s J.H. Williams and Sons Funeral Home	Buyout	Selma, AL
Liberty Mortuary	New Establishment	Wetumpka, AL
Eastside Funeral Home Ensley	New Establishment	Birmingham, AL
Bluffton Funeral Service	New Establishment	Lanett, AL

Apprentice

At its last meeting, the Board approved the reactivations of certification with previous time credit for the following individuals:

Type:	Individual:	Reason:
Apprentice Funeral Director	Travell J. Christion	State Funeral Director and State Law Exam
Apprentice Funeral Director	Demetrius A. Clark	State Funeral Director and State Law Exam
Apprentice Funeral Director	Casey Jones	Finish initial Apprenticeship

<i>Active Licenses</i>					
<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Funeral Directors</i>	<i>Embalmers</i>	<i>Practical Embalmers</i>	<i>Apprentice Funeral Directors</i>	<i>Apprentice Embalmers</i>
444	1523	813	61	234	156

Inspection Citations

The following inspection citations have been issued for violations of the funeral service law:

Inspection Type	Question	Fine Amount
Annual Inspection	Failed to grant Reasonable Access	\$400
Annual Inspection	Licenses not Publicly Displayed	\$100
Annual Inspection	Funeral Coach or Hearse not properly licensed	\$300
Annual Inspection	One casket below required minimum	\$300
Annual Inspection	No price card on one casket	\$100
Annual Inspection	Restroom being used as a storage area	\$100
Annual Inspection	Licenses not Publicly Displayed	\$100
Annual Inspection	Embalming Record not being Kept	\$200
Annual Inspection	Embalming record not current	\$200

Board Meetings

2017 Quarterly Board Meetings Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 3, 2017	9 am
July 10, 2017	9 am
October 2, 2017	9 am
January 8, 2018	9 am

All Board meetings will be held at 11 South Union Street Room 304, Montgomery, AL 36104.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

Approved Continuing Education Providers 2016-2018 (1-9-2017)

Academy of Graduate Embalmers
770.445.3180
academyga@aol.com

AFDA
334.956.8000
www.alabamafda.org

Aurora Matthews Funeral Solutions
800.457.1111
auroracasket.com

Cost Segregation Services, Inc.
256.683.3397
greg@costsegregationsservices.com
Funeral CE (a service of Web CE)
877.332.8480
www.Funeralce.com

Georgia Funeral Directors Association
770.592.8002

Jefferson State Community College
205.856.7847
vriley@jeffstateonline.com

Mississippi Funeral Directors Association
601.978.1920
Kathleen@tatmangroup.com

National Funeral Professionals Association
251.441.7688
tristatemorturay@gmail.com

R. Bruce Wilson
256.717.5166
bwilson9@tds.net

Smalls Mortuary Inc. and Cremation Services
251.990.3929
smallsmortuary.com

Thanos Institute
800.742.8257
www.thanosinstitute.com

Van Hoose & Steele Funeral Home
205.759.5736
Bad.madison@yahoo.com

ABFS
334.242.4049
www.fsb.alabama.gov

AFDA&MA
www.alabamafdma.org

Batesville Casket Company
812.934.7500
batesville.com

Dignity University
713.525.7348
Dignity.university@Sci-us.com
FuneralContinuingEducation.com
718.608.6000
www.funeralcontinuingeducation.com

Insight Institute
405.810.9501
glenda@insightbooks.com

Kate-Boylston Publication
732.730.2586
tparmalee@ucg.com

Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home
251.661.7700
service@mobilememorialfunerals.com

Practicum Strategies
800.731.4714
pshomestudy.com

Royal Funeral Home, Inc.
256.534.8481
info@royalfh.com
Stericycle, Inc.
716.481.7572
RLBestNY@gmail.com

The Dodge Company, Inc.
800.443.6343
seminars@dodgeco.com

Alabama Department of Public Health Center for Emergency Preparedness
334.206.7935

tim.hatch@adph.state.al.us
APEX (continuing education solutions)
800.769.8996
apexces.com

CANA-Cremation Association of North America
312.245.1077
cremationassociation.org

Elite Professional Education, LLC
888.857.6920
www.elitecme.com

Funeral Direct Ed
272.505.8746
Funeraldirected.com

International Order of the Golden Rule
800.63.8030
www.ogr.org/webinars

Matthews International
800.327.2831
matthewscremation.com

NFDA
800.228.6332
nfda.org

Professional Partners, LLC
309-828-2415
professionalpartneronline.com

Scott's Chapel Hill Mortuary
334.377.1511
chapelhill@centurytel.net

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