



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## **WE ARE MOVING**

The Board purchased property and will be closed November 24-29 to relocate the office and observe Thanksgiving. The office is located at **4276 Lomac Street, Montgomery, AL 36106**. The Board's day to day operations will be conducted at this location, however the mailing address for the Board will remain P O Box 309522, Montgomery, AL 36130. Phone numbers for the Board's office remained the same.

## **APPLICATION STATUS (THIS IS NEW!)**

All applicants for license or certification can check the status of an application that has been submitted and received in the Board's office by visiting the Board's website, going to licensees, click for license verification, then application status. After filling in the required information an applicant can see the status of the received application. This function allows the applicant real-time access to their individual application status which may reduce time spent making phone calls, however, if questions remain, please contact the Board's office at 334-242-4060.



## **BOARD MEETING**

The Board will hold its second regular meeting of fiscal year 2022 on **January 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** in Board's new office **located at 4276 Lomac Street, Montgomery, AL 36106**. Matters or subjects not on the agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting. **A PUBLIC HEARING on the intended action to create new administrative rule outlining exam procedures will be held during the January Board meeting.** Written, verbal or electronic mail comments will be accepted by the Board until 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Mail: 4276 Lomac Street, Montgomery, AL 36106

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

Phone: 334-242-4049

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENTS AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Wednesday, January 5, 2022

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Pursuant to §34-13-20, Code of Alabama, 1975, funeral directors and embalmers of Alabama gathered in Montgomery on October 4, 2021 to select nominations for districts which terms expire December 31, 2021. The following nominees were submitted to the governor for appointment to Board for the next four years:

**District Three**

Lance Brooks  
 Tony Taylor  
 Randall Anderson

**District Four**

Greg Stone  
 J. D. Williams  
 Korie Hameen

**District Six**

James Martin  
 Beverly Meadows  
 Bryonda Collins

**District Seven**

Rachel Arrington  
 Michael Stewart  
 Paul Rollins

**THE CONFERENCE**

The Funeral Director and Embalmer's exams are given by The Conference through Pearson VUE testing centers at five locations statewide. The application and exam fee are submitted to The Conference by the applicant. 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

**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:

*Andre D. Love*      *Raechelle J. McCoy*      *Tory H. Schroeder*      *Andre M. Foreman*  
*Carveil L. Monghan*      *Davonte S. Williams*      *Kathy D. Moore*      *Randall F. Ricketts*  
*Gary T. Whitley, Jr.*

Applicants for the Alabama State 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](http://www.theconferenceonline.org) to submit their 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.

**STATE LAW EXAM**

The remaining LRR Exam date for 2021 is as follows:

Alabama State Laws, Rules, and Regulations (LRR) Exam Schedule	
Deadline to Qualify	Exam Date
December 7, 2020	December 14, 2020

\*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.

**Active Licenses as of October 4, 2021**

Establishments	476	Crematories	70
Mortuary Services	1	Cremationists	257
Funeral Directors	1494	Apprentice Funeral Directors	146
Embalmers	824	Apprentice Embalmers	84
Practical Embalmers	47	CE Providers	32
SWP-Director	0	SWP-Embalmer	0

Laws, Rules, and Regulations Exam (9- 10-2020 – 11-9-2020) Given: 21 Passed: 18 Failed: 3

Background Checks

FY 2021: 294

FY 2022 year to date: 33

During the October Board meeting the following licenses were approved:

<b>Funeral Director</b>		
Jimmy Kimbrough	Shannon Terry	Jon Sanders
Jason Beasley	Timothy Thompson	Yolanda Bonner
<b>Funeral Director &amp; Embalmer</b>		
Jonathan Grimes, Jr.	Calandra McGhee	Brooke Camp
<b>Cremationist</b>		
Tory Schroeder	Rita Coffey	LaShirley Hunter
Richard Clark	William Sims	Michael Williams
Roger Ferguson	Mark Povey	Charles Sherman
Joseph Mask		Neal Schroeder
<b>Reactivation</b>		
<b>Funeral Director: 3      Embalmer: 1</b>		
<b>Establishments</b>		
Miles Memorial Funeral Home (Buy Out)(Winfield)	Lovett Funeral Chapel (Buy Out)(Mobile)	Elysian Memorial Park & Funeral Home, Inc. (New)(Mobile)
	Memorial Funeral Home (New)(Hamilton)	

**Consent Agreements** (July 61, 2021 to October 1, 2021)

Case Number	Charge		Penalty
	Statute(s) Code of Alabama, 1975	Administrative Code Chapter 395	
ABFS 21-0041 Guilty	34-13-9 34-13-52(a) 34-13-56(c)(2)(dd)	395-X-6-.02 395-X-6-.04 395-X-6-.05 395-X-6-.06	Fine \$20,00.00 Managing Funeral Director and Establishment suspended for 30 days 2-year probation for managing Funeral Director and Establishment after suspension complete
ABFS 21-0045 Guilty	34-13-56(c)(1) 34-13-56(c)(2)(l) 34-13-56(c)(2)(n)		Fine \$5000.00 Funeral Director suspended for 30 days 2-year probation for Funeral Director after suspension complete

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**GET STARTED!**

The reporting period is half over. ALL licensees (that's cremationists too) must complete eight (8) hours of board approved continuing education during the period of October 1, 2020 through October 1, 2022. Don't forget ethics and BBP/UP must be included in your 8 hours.

***ONLINE PROFILE...***

Licensees can view their course completions via “online services” on the Board’s web site [www.fsb.alabama.gov](http://www.fsb.alabama.gov). Please take the time to review your online profile and courses that have reported. Do not contact the Board’s office for questions concerning completions, please contact the provider. Course completions are uploaded by the provider via the online portal.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY...***

If you will be celebrating your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday before October 1, 2022 and have 10 years of service in the funeral industry, congratulations, you are exempt from the continuing education requirements!

“The real winners in life are the people who look at every situation with an expectation that they can make it work or make it better.” -  
Barbara Pletcher