



# **ALABAMA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES**

## **Funeral Division Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2024**

### **Prior Notice**

Prior notice of the January 9, 2024, second quarterly board meeting of fiscal year 2024 was posted on the Secretary of State website April 4, 2023, and revised on September 19, 2023. Meeting information was distributed to licensees via the quarterly newsletter on September 1, 2023, with a date correction emailed on September 19, 2023. The meeting was held at 10:00 AM in the Board's office located at 4276 Lomac Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

### **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Bishop to lead all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag which was followed by an invocation offered by Mr. Bobby Burt.

### **Oath of Office**

Mr. Williams informed all present that Mr. Eddie Seal had been appointed by the Governor to serve as the representative of District 7. Perine administered the oath of office to Mr. Seal.

### **Call to Order**

#### **Roll Call of the Board**

Mr. Williams, Chair, asked Mrs. Grogan for a roll call to establish a quorum. The following members were present: Kenneth Bishop, Terry Sorrells, Lance Brooks, J. Douglas Williams, Eddie Seal, Rachel Arrington, and Bobby Burt.

Staff present; Charles Perine, Executive Director, E. Denise Grogan, Associate Executive Director, recording, and Brenton Smith, Legal Counsel.

The following members were absent: Karen Jones Smith (delayed), and Sandra Hill.

### **Welcome/Remarks by the Chair**

With a quorum established, Mr. Williams called to order the second quarterly business meeting of fiscal year 2024 at 10:00 AM. Mr. Williams excused the absence of the members who were not present and welcomed all in attendance.

### **Conflict of Interest/Motion to set the agenda**

Mr. Williams requested that the board members review the agenda for the January 9, 2024 meeting. Mr. Williams asked if any member had a conflict of interest for any items on the agenda, being none, Mr. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burt to set the agenda as presented. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

## **Business**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Williams asked members to review the minutes from the October 5, 2023 meeting. Mr. Sorrells made a motion, seconded by Ms. Arrington to accept the minutes as presented. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **APDH Mass Fatality – Health Care Coalition**

Mr. Perine reminded the Board that during the October ADPH was present and introduced their staff. Mr. Perine stated he was part of the Fatality management workgroup, team and had been working to establish a partnership in efforts to prevent issues that came to light during COVID. Mr. Perine stated an email went out in December to all establishments requesting their capacity numbers and to inform them about the Health Care Coalition. As of today's meeting, 60 responses had been received. The Health Care Coalition was developed regionally including multiple responders that meet to discuss issues dealing with mass fatality events. Mr. Perine stated, previously federal assets could not be placed on the site of a private business but Mr. Durham from APDH approached the Federal government and that condition has been removed allowing those assets to now be placed at funeral homes where they are staffed to handle a mass fatality event. Also, personal protective equipment can now be purchased by funeral homes if the funeral home is registered and participate with the health care coalition. Mr. Perine requested everyone in attendance spread the word about registering with the coalition to be eligible for these resources.

### **Approval of Licenses**

#### **New Licensees**

Having passed the state law exam, and having met the passing criteria of the International Conference under the new testing format, Mr. Perine requested to dispense with the reading of the applicant's names and that the individuals listed be considered for approval based on having 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, and be approved for license as a funeral director, and/or embalmer, and/or cremationist. Applicants for licensure: ANDRE LOVE, RUBY ANDERSON, ROGERY PERINE, RACHEAL DAVENPORT, BETTY MILLER, MONICA CRIST, JOHN MCLENDON, MALCOLM BEARD, DAKOTA GOODWIN, WILLIAM SUMLAR, ABUREY KING, ALLEN MALINE, REN MAYEAUX, BILLY JONES, JR., MIRANDA COOK, TYSON BURWELL, BRAIN KEITH, AUTUMN HUGHES, IVAN HERNANDEZ, ROBIN MASON, BRIAN SMITH, CHARLES FRICKS, ZACHERY FERRELL, LISA MCBRIDE, GEOFFREY HALBROOKS, SCOTT EVANS, WAYLON POWELL, YOLANDA COLLINS ARIEL HARRIS, TAYLOR SHERER, CODY GILLIAM, BARAKA TRUSS, DYLAN CHANCEY. The motion was made by Mr. Sorrells and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Reactivations**

Having met the requirements of the law for reactivation, paid all back fees and penalties, Mr. Perine asked the Board to consider CHANTAY BROOKS for reactivation as funeral director and embalmer, and BRIAN GOODLOE for reactivation as a funeral director. Mr. Brooks moved to approve the reactivations seconded by Ms. Arrington. The motion passed unanimously.