



NEWSLETTER

**MARCH
2026**

ALABAMA BOARD OF **FUNERAL SERVICES**

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

FUNERAL DIVISION @ 9:00 AM

JOINT DIVISION @ 10:00 AM

PRENEED DIVISION @ 11:00 AM

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

4276 Lomac Street, Montgomery, AL 36106

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APPLICATIONS UPDATES

All applications submitted to the Board must be accompanied by all required forms, supporting documentation, and applicable fees at the time of submission.

Incomplete applications including those missing required documents, signatures, or fees will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials are complete and accurate prior to submission to avoid delays.



BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Board underwent an audit from the FBI on January 26, 2026. As a result of that audit, all applicants are now required to submit to a background check with every new application filed with the Board, regardless of the applicant's current license status.

Background check requirements:

- Background Check Fee: \$38.25 per person
- Two (2) completed federal fingerprint cards (FD258—white cards with blue lines and lettering)
- Application to Review Alabama Criminal History Record Information (usually included with the application)
- Notice of Privacy Disclosure (usually included with the application)

If more than one application is submitted at the same time for one person, only one background check is required. However, if applications are submitted at different times for one-person, separate background checks must be performed for each application. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in denial of the application.

RENEWALS

RENEWAL PERIOD BEGINS JULY 1

This renewal period includes all licenses issued by Alabama Board of Funeral Services.

Renewal applications will begin being accepted by the Board on July 1, 2026. **Licenses must be renewed by September 1, 2026, to remain active.**

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS - FUNERAL DIVISION

Renewal applications will be found on our website beginning July 1. Make sure you using the most current version of the renewal application. **Older renewal forms will not be accepted causing your renewal to be denied.**

All Licensee Renewals must include all documentation as follows:

Apprentices must include Annual reports, Case Reports and Skills Evaluation

Permanent licensees (Funeral Director, Embalmer, Cremationist) must have a minimum of 8 CE's. Blood Borne Pathogen and Ethics are mandatory. Licensees aged 65 and older are exempt from any educational requirements.

Establishments must include a copy of their Liability Insurance with there Establishment renewal. Failure to do so will result in your establishment renewal to be denied.



2026 Renewal Fees

Establishments	\$500
Funeral Director	\$230
Embalmer	\$230
Cremationist	\$150
Apprentice Funeral Director	\$50
Apprentice Embalmer	\$50
Certificates of Authority	\$99
Branch Registration	\$198
Preneed Sales Agent	\$33
Late Renewal Fee (September 1-October 1)	\$100

RENEWALS

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RENEWAL APPLICATIONS - PRENEED DIVISION

The Board is having a new system built to our specifications; therefore all preneed will not be renewed online this renewal period.. All preneed licenses will be renewed using one consolidated renewal application form.

This allows the Certificate of Authority (COA) to renew all Branch Registrants and Preneed Sales Agent licenses registered under the COA at one time, rather than submitting multiple separate applications.

Important Renewal Information:

- Preneed Sales Agent license holders must ensure their license is included on the COA's renewal application prior to September 1, 2026.
- Any license not listed on the renewal application will not be renewed.

It is the responsibility of each Preneed Sales Agent to confirm that their COA has included their license on the renewal submission.

If a COA has already submitted a renewal application and failed to include one or more Preneed Sales Agents, the COA must submit a corrected renewal application listing all Preneed Sales Agents associated with that COA.

Additionally, all licensees listed on the renewal application must:

- Answer all required criminal history questions, and
- Sign the renewal application

Renewals will not be completed.



FUNERAL DIVISION

NEW LICENSES

During the Board meeting that was held January 6, 2026, the Board approved the following licenses:

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Alexis Sherron Parker Thomas
Arthur H. Hammond
Christopher M. McGadney
Bryant Bradley
Crystal L. Corley
Crystal L. Waid
Elizabeth A. Alexander
Emily Faith Veal
Candice V. Williams
Jaidia Holla Vickery
James Devine
Johnathon Derrick Johnson
Julie M. Renard
Kyra E. Caspari
Naieshia Makita Thomas
Maurice L. Woodard
Sabrina W. Gholston
William M. Rutherford
Sederick D. Fluker
Waylon James Powell
Shetina C. Stewart

EMBALMER

Carol K. Monteleone
Candice V. Williams
Jaidia Holla Vickery
Kyra E. Caspiri
Naieshia Makita Thomas
William M. Rutherford
Shetina C. Stewart

CREMATIONIST

Shotoria Hughes
Christopher John Pschirer
Candice V. Williams
Greisy Y. Valladares
Logan James Thorne
Sawyer C. Downs
Shetina C. Hughes
William Gary Craft



CHANGE OF OWNERSHIPS

Gibbs Service Incorporated Inc. DABA
Benefield Funeral Home (Wedowee)

Gibbs Services Inc. DBA Quattlebaum
Funeral Home

Cosby Funeral Home, LLC

Cleveland Funeral Home

Legacy Chapel Funeral Home and
Crematory LLC DBA Legacy Chapel
Funeral Home and Crematory

CLOSED ESTABLISHMENTS

Atmore Community Chapel
Funeral Home

Southern Heritage (Dothan)

PRENEED DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRENEED ACTIVITY /ANNUAL ENDOWMENT CORE REPORTING

We are currently in reporting season. All annual reports of preneed activity as well as all annual reports of endowment care sales activity are due to the Board office by April 1, 2026.

Any Annual Report not received by April 1, 2026, will incur a \$50.00 per day late fee for every day the report is not submitted to the Board starting April 2, 2026. All preneed sales activity must immediately cease until the report is received and late penalties are paid. Preneed licenses may not be renewed until the annual report is received and the late penalties are paid.

MINI EXAMS

Mini exams are currently being conducted. Please make sure all requested documents are available for examination as mini exams are unannounced.

PRENEED VIRTUAL CLASS!

Confused about preneed? Unsure of what to do or when to do it? You are not alone, and the Board hears your concerns. That is why we have created an education class to assist you with understanding the law and how it incorporates into your preneed sales. Be on the lookout for this class in early 2026, just in time for annual reporting.

LEARN



**WE ARE CURRENTLY
PREPARING TO SCHEDULE
A PRESENTATION DATE.**



Who is Required to Report?

- All active Certificate of Authority license holders
- All inactive Certificate of Authorities
- All active Branch Registrant license holders
- All inactive Branch Registrants
- All Endowment Care Cemetery authorities

What is Required to be Reported?

- All preneed sales activity from the previous calendar year (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)
- All preneed contract sales logs
- All cemetery property sales activity from the previous calendar year
- Current values of the merchandise and services trust funds
- Current values of the endowment care trust funds
- Current values of the insurance policies issued for preneed contracts

How to Submit Annual Reports

- Complete the report found on our website
- Attach the trust statements and policy detail reports from the trust and insurance companies
- Attach any surety bonds/letters of credit used to fund preneed contracts
- Attach preneed sales logs
- Upload via the Document Upload section of our website, or send via e-mail to preneed@fsb.alabama.gov, or mail physical copies of the report to 4276 Lomac Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36106

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PRENEED SALES AGENT

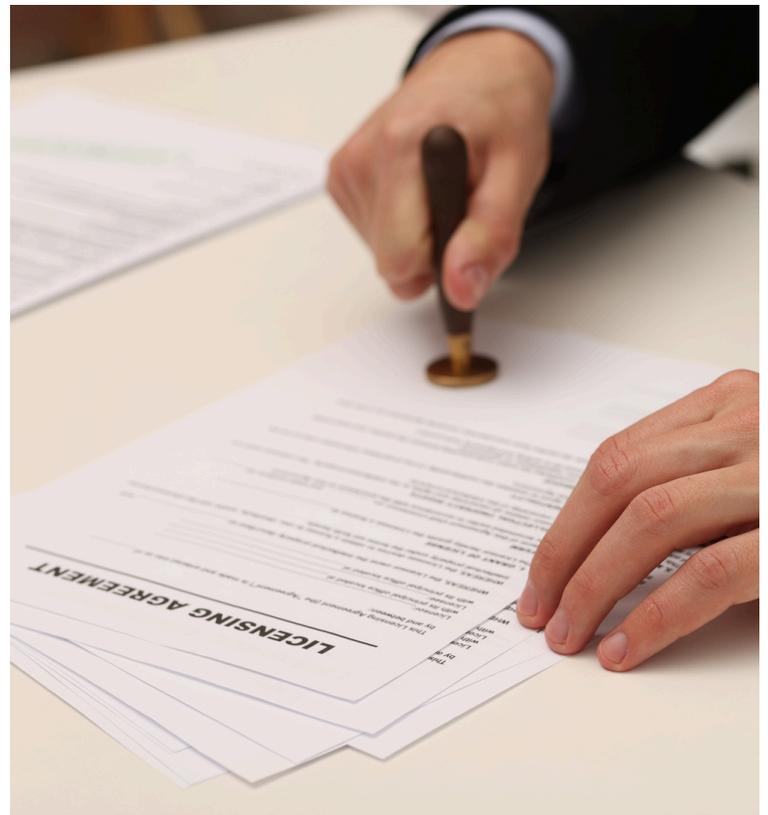
Micheal Gladden	Sonja Bivins
Mattison Lovell	Jonathan Clopton, Jr.
Dustin McLaughlin	Skyla Fisher
Amber Cole	Forshaa Palmore
Brandon Turner	Rachel Carter
Cedrick Johnson	Mary Cromblin
Riley Sellers	Heather Faircloth
Ross Jones	Greisy Cantilano-Valladares
George Duncan	Corwin Sledge
Sheila Walker	Carissa Groves
Mallorie Keeley	Justin Graves
Caleb Malone	Marc Golden
Michael Culver	Kara Nelson
Russell Beard	Robert Burns
John Hall	Cody Burns
Jasson Thomas	Mason Price
Frank Pylant, Sr.	Olivia Hardie
Marvin Holt	Henry Moore, Jr.
Heidi Rajecki	Sara Sparks
Kristina Kimbrell	Bailey Cummings
Matthew Hilyer	William Smith
Edward Strickland	Landon Combass
Johnathan Grimes, Jr.	Jake Butler
Jeffrey Werszner	Micayla Duran
Thomas Yarbrough	Chloe Franks
Spivey Wilson	Datata Greshunda Martin
Kristen Johnson	Melissa Holmes
Larry Hune	Khadidra Poe
	Dina Williamson
	Audie Vaughn

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY- REACTIVATIONS

Liberty Mortuary, LLC
Greenhill Funeral Home, Inc.
JJFH, LLC dba Marshall Memorial Funeral Home
and Memorial Gardens
Moore Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.
Hampton Cove Funeral Services, Inc. dba Hampton
Cove Funeral Home and Cemetery

NEW CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

(New License) Legacy Chapel Funeral Home and
Crematory, LLC



STATISTICS

LICENSE COUNT FY 26

Apprentice Director	223
Apprentice Embalmer	130
Funeral Director	1586
Embalmer	925
Cremationist	367
Mortuary Services	5
Establishments	471
CE Provider	39
Preneed Sales Agent	726
COA	218
Branches	109
Endowment Care	182
Inactive COA	65
Inactive Branch	23



EXAM STATISTICS FY26 QTR 1

**FUNERAL DIRECTOR
 EMBALMER EXAM
 LAWS, RULES, REGULATION (LRR) EXAM**

Alabama Funeral Director Exam	Alabama Embalmer Exam	Alabama Law Exam
17 Given	1 Given	21 Given
Pass 58%	Pass 0%	Pass 100%
Fail 41.18%	Fail 1%	Fail 0%

COMPLAINTS FY25 YTD

Complaints FY26 YTD	Funeral	Preneed	Cemetery
Received	57	28	39
Resolved	41	13	7
Reprimand/Consent	6	0	0
Pending	8	11	2
Pending Admin Action	5	6	30
No Jurisdiction	2	3	
Unable to Investigate		1	

COMPLAINTS FY26 YTD

Complaints FY26 YTD	Funeral	Preneed	Cemetery
Received	14	3	8
Resolved	1	1	0
Reprimand/Consent		0	0
Pending	6	2	6
Pending Admin Action	1	0	0
No Jurisdiction	1		1
No Violation	3		1
Duplicate	1		

WHATS GOING ON ALABAMA

Share Your Update

If you are aware of a local event, update, or matter relevant to the funeral service or preneed industry, we encourage you to submit it to the Board office via email for possible inclusion in an upcoming newsletter. Sharing news from across the state helps keep licensees informed, connected, and aware of developments affecting the profession. Please send submissions to info@fsb.alabama.gov.

As we close this edition of our newsletter, we want to thank each of you for your continued dedication to serving families across Alabama with compassion and professionalism. The work you do is vital, and the Board remains committed to supporting you while upholding the standards that guide our profession. We look forward to sharing future updates, resources, and opportunities to strengthen the care we collectively provide to our communities.



Until Next
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**Thankyou for
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