



ALABAMA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES

PRENEED MEETING MINUTES

January 06, 2026

Prior Notice

Prior notice of the January 06, 2026, second quarterly board meeting of fiscal year 2026 was posted to the Secretary of State website on January 09, 2025. Meeting information was distributed to licensees via the quarterly newsletter on December 17, 2025. The meeting was held at 11:00 AM in the Board's office located at 4276 Lomac Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36106.

Call to Order

Roll Call of the Board

At 11:19 AM, Mrs. Bry'Onda Collins, Presiding Officer, called to order the second quarterly preneed division business meeting for fiscal year 2026, and asked Ms. Laura Sullivan for a roll call to establish a quorum. The following members were present: Brian Shake, Randall Anderson, Michael Morrison, Bry'Onda Collins, and Jennifer Haskell.

Staff present: Charles M. Perine, Executive Director; Laura Sullivan, Associate Executive Director—recording; Octavia Johnson, Accountant; and Brenton Smith, Legal Counsel.

Welcome/Remarks by Chair

With a quorum established, Mrs. Collins welcomed all present at the preneed division business meeting.

Conflict of Interest/Motion to Set the Agenda

Mrs. Collins requested that the board members review the agenda for the January 6, 2026, meeting. Mrs. Collins asked if any member had any conflict of interest with any items on the agenda. Being none, Mr. Shake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to set the agenda as presented. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Business

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Collins asked the members to review the minutes of the October 7, 2025, board meeting. After review, Mr. Shake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2025, board meeting. Being no discussion, the motion passed. Mrs. Haskell abstained from voting.

Approval/Denial of Licenses

Preneed Sales Agent

Having met the requirements for licensure and registration as a Preneed Sales Agent, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following individuals be approved for licensing as a preneed sales agent: Micheal Gladden, Mattison Lovell, Dustin McLaughlin, Amber Cole, Brandon Turner, Cedrick Johnson, Riley Sellers, Ross Jones, George D. Duncan, Sheila Walker, Mallorie Keeley, Caleb Malone, Michael Culver, Russell Beard, John Hall, Jasson Thomas, Frank Gregory Pylant, Sr., Marvin Holt, Heidi Rajeki, Kristina Kimbrell, Matthew Hilyer, Edward Strickland, Johnathan Grimes, Jr., Jeffrey Werszner, Thomas Yarbrough, Spivey Wilson, Kristen Johnson, Larry Hune, Sonja Bivens, Jonathan Clopton, Jr., Skyla Fisher, Forshaa Palmore, Rachel Carter, Mary Cromblin, Heather Faircloth, Greisy Cantilano-Valladeres, Corwin Sledge, Carissa Groves, Justin Graves, Marc Golden, Kara Nelson, Robert Burns, Cody Burns, Mason Price, Olivia Hardie, Henry Lewis Moore, Jr., Sarah Elizabeth Sparks, Bailey Paige Cummings, William Garrett Smith, Landon Reid Combass, Jake Davis Butler, Micayla Monique Duran, Chloe Renise Franks, Dataro Greshunda Martin, Melissa Wisener Holmes, Khadidra Kiara Poe, Dina Michelle Williamson, and Audie Jefferson Vaughn. Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the licensure of the individuals listed above as a preneed sales agent. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Not having met the requirements for licensure and registration as a Preneed Sales Agent, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following individuals be denied for licensing as a preneed sales agent: Barbara Loftin and Daniel Evans. Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to deny the licensure of the individuals listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Authority

Having met the requirements for licensure and registration as a Certificate of Authority, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following entities to be approved for licensing as a certificate of authority:

REACTIVATION:

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

NEW: Legacy Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory, LLC.

Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to approve the licensure as a certificate of authority for the entities listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Not having met the equity requirements for licensure and registration as a Certificate of Authority, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following entities to be approved for a preneed funding agreement: Hampton Cove Funeral Services, Inc. D/B/A Hampton Cove Funeral Home and Crematory and Legacy Chapel Funeral home and Crematory, LLC. Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the preneed funding agreements presented for the entities listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Not having met the requirements for **REACTIVATION** licensure and registration as a Certificate of Authority, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following entities to be denied for licensing as a certificate of authority: Burton's Funeral Home, Valley Funeral Home, Ashley's J.H. Williams and Sons Funeral Home. Mr. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to deny the application for licensure and registration as a certificate of authority for the entities listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Having met the requirements for surrendering a certificate of authority license, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following certificate of authority licenses to be approved for surrender and placed in INACTIVE status: Professional Funeral Services of Alabama, LLC D/B/A Magnolia Funeral Home, Goodson Funeral Home, and Harmony Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC. Mr. Shake made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to approve the surrender of the certificate of authority licenses listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer of Ownership

Having met the requirements for a transfer of ownership, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following preneed licenses to be approved for a transfer of ownership: Gibbs Service, Inc. D/B/A Benefield Funeral Home, Gibbs Service, Inc. D/B/A Quattlebaum Funeral Home, Talladega Funeral Home transferred to Cosby Funeral Home, Southern Heritage Funeral Home transferred to Journey Group Alabama One, LLC D/B/A Ward Wilson Memory Hill, Blount County Cleveland Funeral Home, LLC transferred to Price Family Funeral Home, Inc. D/B/A Cleveland Funeral Home, and Legacy Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory, LLC transferred to Legacy Chapel Holdings, LLC D/B/A Legacy Chapel, LLC.. Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the transfer of ownership of the preneed licenses listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Endowment Care

Having met the requirements for registration as an Endowment Care Cemetery, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following cemetery to be approved for registration as an endowment care cemetery: Courtland Memorial Gardens, Inc. D/B/A Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Inc. After a brief discussion, Mr. Shake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the endowment care registration of the cemetery listed above. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Special Attention

Reimbursement – Endowment Care Sunset Memorial Gardens – Geneva, Alabama

Mr. Perine informed the board that the owners of Sunset Memorial Gardens in Geneva, Alabama have submitted to the Board a request to withdraw funds from the endowment care trust fund to reimburse the operating account. The submission included evidence of the owners using the operating account to pay for endowment care of the cemetery. The request included expenses that did not qualify as endowment care expenses, however, the endowment care account statement showed that there was enough interest in the account to reimburse the expenses that did qualify as endowment care. After brief discussion, Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve Sunset Memorial Gardens to withdraw \$84,393.72 from the interest of the endowment care fund to reimburse the operating account fund. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Branch Registration Surrender – Mountain View Memorial Gardens, inc. – Rainsville, Alabama

Mr. Perine informed the board that the office received an application to surrender the Branch Registrant license, due to the fact that they do not sell any preneed at the cemetery. At the time the business acquired the cemetery, the owners took it out of receivership. The agreement for the owners acquiring the cemetery included the cemetery being registered as a Branch Registrant license. After legal counsel reviewed the receivership agreement, a branch registrant license is not required unless they are selling preneed contracts or collecting preneed payments on already sold preneed contracts that the owners are servicing. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Shake, to approve the surrender application. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Preneed Education Class

Ms. Sullivan informed the Board that the education class has been completed, and the staff is looking for options to put the information out to the licensees. After discussion, the board asked for the presentation to be sent to them for initial review before presenting to public.

Other Business/Adjournment

Mrs. Collins addressed the board and asked for any further questions, comments, or concerns. Mr. Shake presented the board with comments on information about the upcoming clean-up bill process. After brief discussion, Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shake, to adjourn the business meeting and reconvene on April 14, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The business meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Laura Sullivan.

BryOnda Collins, Presiding Officer

Charles M. Perine, Executive Director