



ALABAMA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES

PRENEED MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2026

Prior Notice

Prior notice of the April 14, 2026, third quarterly board meeting of fiscal year 2026 was posted to the Secretary of State website on January 8, 2026. Meeting information was distributed to licensees via the quarterly newsletter on March 15, 2026. 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 12:35 PM, Mr. Randall Anderson, Presiding Officer, called to order the third 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, and Jennifer Haskell.

Staff present: Charles M. Perine, Executive Director; Laura Sullivan, Associate Executive Director—recording; Courtney Smith, Financial Specialist/Licensing Coordinator; Latricia Harris, Licensing and Regulatory Compliance Field Officer; Haleigh Smith, Accounting Technician; and Brenton Smith, Legal Counsel.

The following members were absent: Bry'Onda Collins.

Welcome/Remarks by Chair

With a quorum established, Mr. Anderson welcomed all present at the preneed division business meeting.

Conflict of Interest/Motion to Set the Agenda

Mr. Anderson requested that the board members review the agenda for the April 14, 2026, meeting. Mr. Anderson asked if any member had any conflict of interest with any items on the agenda. Being none, Mr. Shake made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to set the agenda as presented. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Business

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Anderson asked the members to review the minutes of the January 6, 2026, board meeting. After review, Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shake, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026, board meeting. Being no discussion, the motion passed.

Old Business

Mr. Perine informed the board that Ms. Sullivan has completed the education class and was actively looking for a location to have an in-person seminar to answer questions that attendees may have. After the in-person seminar, the education class will be posted on the website to include frequently asked questions from the in-person seminar. Mr. Perine informed the board that we plan to have the class sometime in mid-May, with a target date of May 20th, if possible. An RSVP survey will be sent out to licensees to obtain an estimated attendance count to determine the facility in which the class will need to be held.

Approval/Denial of Licenses

Endowment Care

Having met the requirements for registration as an Endowment Care Cemetery, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following cemeteries to be approved for registration as an endowment care cemetery: Harmony Mausoleum and Cemetery, Southside Funeral Home, Inc. dba Southside Funeral Home and Cemetery, Springhill

Memorial Gardens, and Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the registration of the cemeteries listed above as an endowment care cemetery. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Authority

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: Harmony Mausoleum and Cemetery, LLC and Harmony Funeral Home and Cremation, LLC. Mr. Morrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to approve the preneed funding agreements presented for the entities listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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: JAO Williams Funeral Holdings dba Cullman Heritage Funeral Home and Southside Funeral Home, LLC. Mr. Shake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the licensure as a certificate of authority for the entities listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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 reactivation of a certificate of authority license: Keahey-Carpenter, Inc. dba Keahey Funeral Homes, Reese Funeral Home, Inc., Marion Health Ventures, Inc. dba Berryhill Funeral Home, Walker Chapel Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens, LLC, and People's Funeral Home, Inc. Mr. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the application for reactivation of a certificate of authority for the entities listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Not 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 denied for licensure as a certificate of authority: Dorrough Enterprise dba Faith Chapel Funeral Home and Wrights Funeral Home. Mr. Morrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shake, to deny the licensure as a certificate of authority for the entities listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Having met the requirements to surrender a certificate of authority license, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following Certificate of Authority licenses to be approved for surrender: Freeman Hood Funeral Services. Mr. Shake made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to approve the surrender of the certificate of authority license. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Branch Registrant

Having met the requirements for licensing and registration as a branch registrant license, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following entities be approved for licensing as a branch registrant: Burningtree Memorial Gardens, Eastwood Memorial Gardens, Limestone Memorial Gardens, Montgomery Memorial Cemetery, Kirk Funeral Homes – Marion Chapel, Kirk Funeral Homes – Demopolis Chapel, Ascension Funeral Home and Crematory, Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Crematory, Springhill memorial Gardens, and Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Mr. Shake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the licensure as a branch registrant for the entities listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Having met the requirements to surrender a branch registrant license, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following Branch Registrant licenses to be approved for surrender: Reese Funeral Home (Thomasville) and Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the surrender of the branch registrant license. 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: Wyatt-Pierce, inc. dba Wyatt Chapel Funeral Home (ownership changes), Ascension Funeral Group, LLC transferred to SCI Alabama Funeral Services, LLC dba Southern Heritage Funeral Home, JAO Williams Funeral Holdings, LLC dba Williams Southside Chapel-Memorial Park purchased by Southside Funeral Home, Inc., Kirk Holdings, LLC purchased by MarPov Enterprises, LLC dba

Wilson Funeral Home and On-Site Crematory, and Harmony Funeral Home and Memorial Park purchased by Harmony Mausoleum and Cemetery, LLC. Mr. Morrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shake, to approve the transfer of ownership of the preneed licenses listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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: New Concepts Funeral Service, LLC dba Ascension Funeral Service purchased as a branch registrant of SCI Alabama Funeral Services, LLC dba Southern Heritage Funeral Home, Forest Lawn Funeral Home – Funeral Service, LLC purchased as a branch registrant of SCI Alabama Funeral Services, LLC dba Southern Heritage Funeral Home, Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens – CEM 1, LLC purchased as a branch registrant of SCI Alabama Funeral Services, LLC dba Southern Heritage Funeral Home, Springhill Memorial Gardens – CEM 2, LLC purchased as a branch registrant of SCI Alabama Funeral Services, LLC dba Southern Heritage Funeral Home, Kirk Funeral Homes – Demopolis Chapel purchased as a branch registrant of MarPov Enterprises, LLC dba Wilson Funeral Home and On-Site Crematory, and Kirk Funeral Homes – Marion Chapel purchased as a branch registrant of MarPov Enterprises, LLC dba Wilson Funeral Home and On-Site Crematory. Mr. Shake made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to approve the transfer of ownership of the preneed licenses listed above. Being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Preneed Sales Agents

Having met the requirements for licensure and registration as a Preneed Sales Agent, Mr. Perine asked the board to consider the following individuals to be approved for licensing and registration as a preneed sales agent: Harold Keith Moore, Kaleb Thomas Grogg, Robert Everett Proper, Emily Lynn Delp, Cody Wade Nugent, Crystal Colleen Humphreys, Katie Christine Pepin, Irving Tyrone Allen, Monita Meshell Dorsey Collins, Olivia Grace Hardie, Christopher Raymond Lee Shenk, Ashley Nicole Irby, Austin Lynn Hook, Marius Edwin Chasen, Danielle Marie Gautier, William Michael Anderson, Christopher Paul Wolfe, Sarah Joan Toth, Cheyenne Nicole Deakle, James Timothy Spires, Michael Wayne Booker, II, Alexis Renee DeFritas, Umar Bin Hadi, Sara Elixabeth Cogar, Matthew Garrett Kinsey, Terrance Duray Casey, Cherokee Summer Whitmire, Logan Jacob Potter, Sharon Hart McCray, Roberta Farber Norman, Katrail Maurice Harris, Datara Greshunda Martin, Amanda Jane Pike, Randy Middleton, Allen D. Rice, Amy Tadlock, Te’Nerah Rice, Bobby Ray Berryhill, Ann Williams, and Holly Box. Mr. Shake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to approve the licensure and registration as a preneed sales agent for the individuals listed above. Being no further 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 to be denied for licensing and registration as a preneed sales agent: Tameka Spencer, Clark Henry Adams, III, Brittany Watts Steele, James Paul Brown, Marquette Arteberry, and Janice Faye Palmer-Wright. Mr. Morrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to deny the licensure and registration as a preneed sales agent for the individuals listed above. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agreement

Mr. Perine presented the following consent agreements to the board for approval:

Complaint Number	Penalty
ABFS25-0120	Plea of Guilty
	Fined: \$2,500.00
	Provide outstanding documents to the Board as soon as possible.
Violations	
Respondent failed to timely provide reports and records to the Board pursuant to the Board’s request, in violation of ALA. Code §§34-13-191 (a), -192, -198, and ALA. Admin. Code. 395-X-9-13 (1).	

Complaint Number	Penalty
ABFS26-0078	Plea of Guilty Fined: \$30,900.00 (suspended) Comply with the terms of the agreement and the Corrective Action Plan. If all terms have been fully complied with and implemented at the conclusion of a period of two years from the date of this agreement, the Board will waive the payment of this amount.
Violations	
1. Evidence of any discrepancies in or between the company's documents, reports, etc. 2. Failure to publicly display the certificate of authority or preneed sales agent license in the establishment. 3. Evidence of any obvious issues or discrepancies between the contract files sample and the company's records. (e.g. preneed log, funds collected, etc.) 4. Use of any contract forms not approved by the Board. (25 counts) 5. Failure to format and complete preneed log in compliance with applicable statutes or regulations. 6. Failure to trust sufficient amounts for each contract (surety bond). (16 counts) 7. Failure to trust sufficient amounts for each contract (trust). (9 counts)	

Complaint Number	Penalty
ABFS26-0079	Plea of Guilty Fined: \$18,100.00 (suspended) Comply with the terms of the agreement and the Corrective Action Plan. If all terms have been fully complied with and implemented at the conclusion of a period of two years from the date of this agreement, the Board will waive the payment of this amount.
Violations	
1. Evidence of any discrepancies in or between the company's documents, reports, etc. 2. Failure to publicly display the certificate of authority or preneed sales agent license in the establishment. 3. Evidence of any obvious issues or discrepancies between the contract files sample and the company's records. (e.g. preneed log, funds collected, etc.) 4. Use of any contract forms not approved by the Board. (25 counts) 5. Failure to format and complete preneed log in compliance with applicable statutes or regulations. 6. Failure to trust sufficient amounts for each contract (surety bond). (16 counts) 7. Failure to trust sufficient amounts for each contract (trust).	

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shake, to approve the consent agreements as presented. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Statement of Economic Interest

Mr. Perine informed the board that all board members are required to complete a Statement of Economic Interest by the Ethics Commission each year by April 30, 2026. Mr. Perine presented the board with a link to the website to complete the Statement and asked that board members complete the Statement by April 28, 2026, to ensure compliance. Mr. Perine also informed the board that Ms. Sullivan will be following up to make sure the board members complete the Statement.

Other Business/Adjournment

4th Quater Board Meeting

Mr. Perine informed the board that he will begin writing a clean-up bill for next session for our current law. The clean-up bill will aim to fix inconsistencies within the funeral law and the preneed law. Mr. Perine asked that board members submit any suggestions for clean-up bill to him beginning immediately. Mr. Perine also informed the

board that SB107 did pass through legislation so the board will need to file administrative rules to accompany that bill, which takes effect on June 1st. The board is unable to file those rules until June, at which point they will have to undergo a 35-day public commenting period. After the commenting period concludes, the board will have a public hearing to address the comments from the commenting period and adopt the rules. Because of these procedures, Mr. Perine proposed to change the date of the 4th quarter board meeting to August 11, 2026, to accommodate for the commenting period, so that the board can have the public hearing the same day as board meeting. Mr. Morrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shake, to move the 4th quarter board meeting to August 11, 2026. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously

Questions, Comments, Concerns, Adjournment

Mr. Anderson addressed the board and asked for any further questions, comments, or concerns. Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shake, to adjourn the business meeting and reconvene on August 11, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The business meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Laura Sullivan.

Presiding Officer

Charles M. Perine, Executive Director