ALABAMA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES
CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2026

Prior Notice

Prior notice of the September 28, 2026, special called committee meeting was posted to the Secretary of State website on September 26, 2026. The meeting was held at 10:00 AM in the Board's office located at 4276 Lomac Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36106.

Call to Order

Roll Call of the Board

At 10:00 AM, Mr. J. Douglas Williams, Chair, called to order the special called cemetery committee meeting and asked Ms. Laura Sullivan for a roll call to establish a quorum. The following members were present: District 4 Representative of the Funeral Division, Mr. J. Douglas Williams; District 3 Representative of the Funeral Division, James Martin, Jr.; District 3 Representative of the Preneed Division, Randall Anderson;
Guest: Representative of the Cemetery Association, Holly Box, President; and Representative of the Cemetery Association, Kenneth Bishop, First Vice-President.
Staff present: Charles M. Perine, Executive Director; Laura Sullivan, Associate Executive Director—recording; Brenton Smith, Legal Counsel; and Denise Grogan and Andrew Mount, assistants to Legal Counsel.
The following members were absent: District 5 Representative of the Funeral Division, Karen Jones Smith.

Welcome/Remarks by Chair

With a quorum established, Mrs. Williams welcomed all present at the special called cemetery committee meeting.

Business

Mr. Perine informed the committee that there are two senators that have given approval for him to work with LRS to draft cemetery legislation due to an activist group raising concerns through social media and local news media outlets by staging protests and picketing events. Mr. Perine stated that legal counsel and Perine had meet with the cemetery association to review a draft bill and make requested changes. A proposal was created and sent to the committee and the cemetery association for review and discussion to move forward with legislation. The funeral division of the Alabama Board of Funeral Services wishes to review the proposal after the special called committee meeting to decide if this proposal is something the board would support to go through the legislative process.

The cemetery committee and the cemetery association representatives discussed concerns submitted to them regarding certain points in the proposal. After discussion and review, Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to make the changes discussed during the meeting and submit the bill to the Legislative Reference Service (LRS) to start the draft process, submit to the funeral division for discussion during the October business meeting, and submit to the cemetery association for one last review and request for concerns. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business/Adjournment

Questions, Comments, Concerns, Adjournment

Mr. Williams addressed the committee and asked for any further questions, comments, or concerns. Mr. Perine addressed outlying issues surrounding the legislation process and any potential opposition to the bill. After brief discussion, Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to adjourn the special called committee meeting. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The committee meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Laura Sullivan.

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Presiding Officer Charles M. Perine, Executive Director