

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE
CASE NO. M26-0030

Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Gethsemane Memorials, LLC (hereinafter, “Respondent Funeral Home”), is licensed by the Board as Funeral Establishment Permit No. 1003 and, therefore, is subject to Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 34 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.
2. Respondent Funeral Home is located at 301 W Battleboro Avenue, Battleboro, North Carolina. Respondent Funeral Home is a limited liability company registered in the State of North Carolina. Derwin Tremayne Williams (“Williams”), who does not hold a license issued by the Board, is the sole Managing Member of Respondent Funeral Home.
3. Prior to her death on April 12, 2026, Deltricia Anita Hilliard (“Hilliard”), who held Funeral Director License No. 3777 issued by the Board, was registered with the Board as the licensed manager of Respondent Funeral Home. Ms. Hilliard also was a Member of Respondent Funeral Home.
4. Since Ms. Hilliard’s death on April 12, 2026 Respondent Funeral Home has been without a Licensed Manager and licensed LLC Member.
5. On April 24, 2026, the Board notified Respondent Funeral Home of its responsibility to obtain a new manager and LLC member who is licensed as a funeral director or funeral service licensee, per N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-210.25(d)(1)-(2) and 90-210.27A(e), respectively, no later than May 12, 2026.

6. As of June 23, 2026, Respondent Funeral Home has failed to register with the Board a new manager and LLC member who is licensed as a funeral director or funeral service licensee.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. The acts and omissions of Respondent Funeral Home described in Paragraphs 1-6 constitute a violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-210.25(d)(1), which requires a funeral establishment to register with the Board the identify of its licensed manager within thirty (30) days after its licensed manager resigns or is no longer employed as licensed manager.
8. The acts and omissions of Respondent Funeral Home described in Paragraphs 1-6 constitute a violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-210.27A(e), which requires funeral establishments owned by a limited liability company to have at least one member licensed by the Board as a funeral director or funeral service licensee.
9. One or more of the violations described in Paragraphs 7-8 were committed by Derwin Tremayne Williams, as the sole Managing Member of Respondent Funeral Home. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-210.25(d)(4), the Board has the authority to revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue or renew the funeral establishment permit of Respondent Funeral Home, to place Respondent Funeral Home on probation, and to assess Respondent Funeral Home a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.00.

BASED upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and in lieu of further proceedings, Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agree that Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte* whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written.

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that he has read this entire document and understands it;

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that it enters into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily;

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that it has had full and adequate opportunity to confer with legal counsel in connection with this matter;

Whereas Respondent understands that this Consent Order must be presented to the Board for approval and that Respondent hereby waives any argument that any Board

members considering this Consent Order are disqualified from participating in a hearing of this matter; and

Whereas the Board has determined that the public interest is served by resolving this matter as set forth below.

THEREFORE, with the consent of Respondent, it is ORDERED that:

1. The funeral establishment permit of Respondent Funeral Home (Funeral Establishment Permit No. 1003) is hereby suspended until such time that it provides proof to Board staff that it has retained a new licensed manager and licensed LLC member.
2. The Board shall retain jurisdiction under Article 3A, Chapter 150B for all administrative hearings held in connection with or pursuant to this Consent Order. If the Board receives evidence that Respondent has violated any term of this Consent Order or any other law or rule enforced by the Board, the Board shall schedule a show cause hearing for a determination of the violations. If the Board determines that a violation has occurred, the Board may impose such disciplinary action as it determines is appropriate and is authorized by law.
3. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by all parties and reflects the entire agreement between Respondent and the Board, there being no agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies, alters, or modifies this Consent Order.
4. No modification or waiver of any provision of this Consent Order shall be effective unless it is in writing, adopted and approved by the Board, and signed by the parties affected.
5. Both the Board and Respondent participated in the drafting of this Consent Order. Any ambiguities herein shall not be construed against either party in any future civil or administrative proceeding.
6. Respondent hereby waive any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served upon them.
7. Upon its execution by the Board and Respondent, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof.

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In the matter of: Gethsemane Memorials, LLC d/b/a

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CONSENTED TO:

GETHSEMANE MEMORIALS, LLC d/b/a GETHSEMANE MEMORIALS d/b/a G.
MEMORIALS d/b/a GETHSEMANE

By: Derwin Williams

Derwin Tremayne Williams

Owner

Date:

7/11/2026

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By Order of the North Carolina Board of Funeral Service, this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

By:

Signed by:

Le'Shekia H Coleman

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Board President