

North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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The next meeting of the Board will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the Board offices, 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 108, Raleigh, NC 27605. The agenda for that meeting can be viewed by [following this link](#). Hearing schedules are subject to change due to settlement or continuances.

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BOARD ACTIONS-

Results of the Board meeting held on March 19, 2008:

- Approved a motion to delay action on a policy advisory regarding funeral home ownership of insurance policies funding preneed contracts in order to allow additional time for a response from State Medicaid officials and for all members to be present.
- Approved for the staff to plan two, one day clinics- one held at Fayetteville Technical Community College (tentatively scheduled for November) and one held in the late summer.
- Directed the staff to conduct research on new rules proposed by the NC Rules Review Commission.
- Approved a motion that in the event a preneed establishment cannot obtain the death benefit for policies funding pre-need contracts they will be allowed to report the face amount for the purposes of completing the 2007 preneed annual report. This was done as a result of complications in getting some insurance companies to comply with the requirement enacted with Session law 2007-531 before the report filing deadline of March 31, 2008.

ONLINE LAWS & RULES

The General Assembly has completed updates to online statutes which include changes to the Board's laws enacted under Session Law 2007-531. Links to the laws on the Board website have been directed to the General Assembly's online statutes. In addition links to the rules are now directed to the Office of Administrative Hearings website.

FTC POSTS STAFF OPINIONS ONLINE

The Federal Trade Commission now posts the opinions issued by the Commission's staff on the website. Please [follow this link](#) to the webpage.

DISASTER PLANNING AND S-MORT

Tom Taaffe is the S-MORT coordinator for North Carolina. Those licensees interested in participation may contact Mr. Taaffe via email- Tom.Taaffe@ncmail.net

DEATH CERTIFICATES

The Board staff will be meeting with representatives of the NC Medical Board and NC Vital Records to discuss resolutions to delays in filing of death certificates caused by difficulty in obtaining physician signatures on the certificates.

OUR SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF

Wiley L. Harrelson, Sr., Harrelson Funeral Home Caroleen who died March 30, 2008

DISCIPLINARY

CASE FILE NUMBER: M06-021.

LICENSEES: Grier Funeral Service (PNE #507).

SUMMARY: Grier Funeral Service withdrew several deposits from the preneed account of the surviving spouse and claimed they were actually intended to satisfy the deceased's at-need account. They also transferred one deposit between two preneed accounts to eliminate a difference between the amounts available for the husband and wife.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order placing the preneed establishment license on two (2) years probation and assessing a \$2,500.00 civil penalty. The preneed licensees would be required to take preneed continuing education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 2008.