

North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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The next meeting of the Board will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at the Board offices, 1033 Wade Avenue, Ste. 108, Raleigh, NC 27605. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed by [following this link](#). The Board is also scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 15, 2012 for hearings.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Executive Director Paul Harris tendered his resignation effective March 27. The board appreciates Mr. Harris's dedicated and professional service for the past 8 years.

Try Wiseman, President

THE BOARD IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director is responsible for overseeing the daily operation of the Board. Requires a minimum of three years of management experience. Ideal candidate will have additional experience in the funeral service profession, with licensing boards, working with budgets, excellent written and oral communication skills, ability to deal with consumers, licensees, and the press as well as the ability to supervise and motivate employees. For full consideration submit a resume, cover letter and salary requirements to Mr. J. T. Willoughby, III 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 108, Raleigh NC 27605 no later than March 26, 2012. The North Carolina Board of Funeral Service is an equal opportunity employer.

BOARD ACTIONS- Actions and Results from the February 8 Board meeting:

- A. Approved request from the executive director to retain the services of an individual to develop a cremation manual for use by licensees.
- B. Approved the bid for interior construction work to the Board offices.
- C. Approved a recommendation from the Laws, Rules and Legislation committee to begin process to repeal rules 21 NCAC 34A .0102 Purpose of the Board and 34A .0105 Public Inspection of Materials. Both rules were previously deemed unnecessary because the rule content is addressed under NC statutes.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Effective January 1, 2012, for purposes of making anatomical gifts, the authorization of any autopsy, and the disposition of remains, a health care power of attorney is effective after death, even if the principal did not become incompetent before death. Funeral homes and crematories will no longer have to confirm a doctor's written findings of the principal's incompetence in order to follow the directions of a health agent for disposition decisions after the principal's death. For preneed purposes, the principal's incompetence will still need confirmation in order to follow health agent's directives.

ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION

Board staff continues to participate in discussions with representatives from other agencies and interested parties to further efforts for an electronic death registration system (EDRS). Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at <http://www.ncsurveymax.com/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n2MH48m>. The state is required to implement a system by January 2014. This will also require use of a revised death certificate form. There will be opportunities for users, including funeral homes, to test the system prior to full implementation. In a related matter, work is beginning on statute changes for death registration to alleviate problems with filing delays.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

CASE FILE NUMBER: V11-064.

LICENSEES: Larry McIntosh (FSL #2571).

SUMMARY: A funeral director must register with the Board before practicing funeral directing outside a funeral establishment. Mr. McIntosh practiced funeral directing outside a funeral establishment without completing the registration.

BOARD ACTION: The Board adopted a consent order assessing a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 8, 2012