

North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

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Next meeting of the Board is 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at the Board office, 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 108, Raleigh, NC 27605. The agenda will be posted by October 9 and can be viewed by [following this link](#).

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board is pleased to announce that Christina D. Cress has joined the staff as General Counsel. Welcome Christina!

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The following bills affecting funeral service have been filed with the Legislature. The Board staff will continue to monitor as the legislative season progresses:

H-296: Amend Funeral Service Practice Laws

H-422: Amend Funeral Procession Law

H-517: Assignment of Death Benefits

H-905: Merge Cemetery Commission & NCBFS

The Legislature's bill look-up link can be accessed here:

<http://www.ncleg.net/Legislation/Legislation.html>

PRENEED RECOVERY FUND

21 NCAC 34D.0402(b) related to the preneed recovery fund states: "The establishment of the fund did not create or acknowledge any legal responsibility on the part of the Board for the acts, or failure to act, of persons, firms or corporations licensed by it. All reimbursements of losses from the fund shall be a matter of privilege in the sole discretion of the Board and not a matter of right. No applicant or member of the public shall have any right in the fund as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise."



LAWS AND RULES REVIEW:

§90-210.25(a)(5)(d): *As a prerequisite to the annual renewal of a license, the licensee must complete, during the year immediately preceding renewal, at least five hours of continuing education courses, of which the Board may require licensees to take up to two hours specified by the Board. All continuing education courses must be approved by the Board prior to enrollment. A licensee who completes more than five hours in a year may*

carry over a maximum of five hours as a credit to the following year's requirement. A licensee who is issued an initial license on or after July 1 does not have to satisfy the continuing education requirement for that year.

The five-hour carryover expires at the end of the following year. For example: Licensee allows license to lapse, then decides to reinstate after three years. They had taken 3 hours during the last year of active licensure... those hours are gone. They are not credited toward reinstatement. Any hours "in the bank" are only good for credit in the following year.

NEW FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Cunningham & Nelson Funeral Home, Roxboro
Donaldson Funeral Home, Pittsboro
Gibbs Funeral Home, New Bern
McFarland Funeral Chapel, Tryon
Paradise Funeral Home, Williamston

NEW CREMATORY

McFarland, Tryon

NEW LICENSEES

The Board congratulates the following individuals who were licensed in August:

FS: Danielle Simone Boyette, Michael Allen Braden, Charles David Crook, Kristine Jerry, Gerald Lenard Myrick
FD: Michael David Boroff, Claude Allen Myers III, Sharon Leggett Patterson, Keri Lynn Rickett

NEW TRAINEES

New Trainees registered with the Board in August:

Rhonda Lee Bennett, Bennett Funeral Service, Conover
Bobby Gilmore Duncan II, Colvin Funeral Home, Fayetteville
James Cameron Early, Padgett & King Mortuary, Forest City
Rumeal Malik Ferguson, Davis-Royster Funeral Service, Henderson
Lori Ann Geary, Rogers & Breece Funeral Home, Fayetteville
Christopher Scott Halsey, Heritage Funeral Home, Matthews
Patrick Thomas Harlow, Pierce-Jefferson Funeral Service, Kernersville
Ashley Emma Johnson, Hickory Funeral Home, Hickory
Jason Ray Price, Mackie-Sinclair-Hawkins, Yadkinville
Carla Brown Rump, Phillips Funeral Service, High Point
Stephanie Griffin Williams, Stevens Funeral Home, Wilson

CONTINUING EDUCATION

September...kids are back in school...students have gone off to college. How's your continuing education coming along?

CREMATION BROKERING IS ILLEGAL

KNOW who is contacting you if you are called to perform a "trade cremation."
Verify the establishment that contacts you. Is it a North Carolina or NC border state licensee? Have you done business with them before????

*If you are providing cremation services via online contacts and cremation forms executed online by sight-unseen consumers, or you are acting as an agent for an out-of-state provider, **you are breaking the law.***

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Ron Mewborn, owner of Woodbridge Funeral Home, Havelock, who died on August 22, 2015

Jimmy D. McLaurin, Sr., founder & past president of McLaurin Funeral Home, Clayton, Pinecrest and Knollwood Memorial Parks, who died on August 30, 2015.

Ralph Grady Chapman, founder of Chapman Funeral Home, Stony Point, who died on September 4, 2015

