

Minutes of Meeting  
Louisiana Cemetery Board  
September 22, 2015

A meeting of the Louisiana Cemetery Board was held September 22, 2015, at 1885 North Third Street, First Floor Main Conference Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, pursuant to notice. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M.

Present were: Gerald W. Melancon, Chairman  
Marilyn Leufroy, Vice-Chairman  
Shelly M. Holloway, Secretary/Treasurer  
F. Anton Wilbert, Board Member  
Stacey L. Patin, Board Member  
Richard C. Briede, Board Member  
Lucy L. McCann, Director  
Jerry W. Sullivan, Special Counsel to the Board  
Ryan M. Seidemann, Assistant Attorney General

Absent was: Louise F. Saenz, At-Large Board Member

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Also present at the meeting was: Paul R. Solouki, Leefe, Gibbs, Sullivan & Dupre', LLC.; Ryland Percy and John Troutman, Percy, Lanoux & Mumphrey, Attorneys At Law, Gonzales, Louisiana, on behalf of Sue Giles; Jimmy Patin, Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Pineville, Louisiana; Natalia Verdina and Kendall Odum, WBRZ, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Larry Dodd and Bruce Dodd, National Information Services, Inc., Prairieville, Louisiana; Peter Bondy, Consumer, Prairieville, Louisiana; Hal Yarbrough, Serenity Oaks Memorial Park, LLC., Prairieville, Louisiana; and David Mitchell, The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Mr. Seidemann, Assistant Attorney General, provided an overview of general guidelines the procedure for the meeting, and the Board's Policies and Procedures for time limits for Public Comments.

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Ms. Leufroy made a motion to change the Agenda and move the Public Comments to the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patin and carried.

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Reconsideration of the Application for Certificate of Authority – National Information Services, Inc., Prairieville, Louisiana.

The Director provided a summary of the administrative record on this matter, a copy of which was before each Board Member and National Information Services, Inc. (“NIS”).

Mr. Larry Dodd answered questions by Special Counsel to the Board, Jerry Sullivan, Board Members and Board staff regarding the cemetery now owned by National Information Services, Inc., and known as Oak Lane Memorial Park.

Public Comment was heard from; Hal Yarbrough, Serenity Oak Memorial Park, LLC.; Peter Bondy, Consumer; and John Troutman, Percy, Lenoux & Mumphrey, Attorneys at Law, on behalf of Sue Giles.

A transcript of the discussion, including the public comments, is part of the Board’s administrative record on this matter.

After consideration of the information presented, Ms. Leufroy made the following motion: To deny the license as we do not find National Information Services, Inc., meets the qualification for issuance of a license pursuant to LAC 46:XIII, Section 2101(A) and (B), and La. R.S. 8:71. Further the Board will allow at-need burials upon approval by the Executive Director with sufficient proof and to provide at-need merchandise and opening and closing services on a cash basis; the Board will authorize the Executive Committee to grant approval for sales of adjacent lots, at-need, and all sales proceeds shall be paid toward all perpetual care and merchandise trust deficiencies; all accounts receivable listed on the June 2014 Financial Statement must be applied to any perpetual care and merchandise trusts deficiencies until such time as these trust are made whole; NIS must provide a merchandise trust reconciliation pursuant to Rule 1709 and other information as the Board deems necessary and to comply with all obligation in Title 8 as it applies to cemetery owners; and all sales and activity shall be reported to the Board on a monthly basis.

After discussion, the motion was seconded by Mr. Briede and a roll call vote was taken: Mr. Briede - yea; Ms. Holloway – yea; Ms. Leufroy – yea; Mr. Wilbert – yea; and Ms. Patin – yea.

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Discussion regarding Board’s office lease.

The Director provided the Board with information regarding a proposal to lease a larger suite within the same office building the Board’s office is currently located. After review and discussion, Mr. Briede made a motion to give the Executive Committee authority to approve a new lease. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leufroy and carried.

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Discussion regarding 2015 Legislative Changes to Title 8.

The Director gave a brief summary of the 2015 Legislation effecting Title 8 and provided the Board Members with a copy of Title 8 reflecting the changes through the 2015 Legislative Session.

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Since there was no further business, Mr. Briede made a motion to adjourn at 5:55 P.M. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patin and carried.

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Shelly M. Holloway, Secretary/Treasurer

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Gerald W. Melancon, Chairman