

State of North Carolina

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2021

The North Carolina Cemetery Commission held a special called meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 via teleconference. The meeting was called specifically to discuss one item: Change of Control for Sunset Memory Gardens, License #147.

The members in attendance were President William “Bill” Gaffney and the following Commissioners: David Simmons, Winn Graham, Bobby Townsend, Linda Cotten, and Sharon Weaver. Gantt Stephens, as Director of Operations was also in attendance, as well as the following members of the public: Mrs. Ruth Futrell for Crestlawn Memorial Gardens, Jude Abraham for Sunset Memory Gardens, George Thomas, counsel to CMS East Holdings, Joseph McNemar for CMS East.

The meeting was called to order by President Gaffney at 10:00 a.m. The President called for a Moment of Reflection.

I. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

President Gaffney declared that, in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act 138A 15E, it is the duty of every Commission member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts regarding the matters being brought before them and to refrain from any undue participation in the matters involved.

No Commissioners recused themselves from today’s agenda.

II. REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION:

Mr. Gaffney stated any members of the public present that wish to speak are invited to do so. No members of the public wished to address the Commission.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Sunset Memory Gardens- Change of Control from CMS East- Mr. Gaffney explained to the Commissioners that this meeting was called specifically to approve or deny a change of control request from Sunset Memory Gardens. Mr. Gaffney explained that this business transaction has been completed and approved in other states and required urgent action by the Commission. The Commissioners were provided with information packets with all information required for Change of Control. They were notified the applications were complete as provided. Mr. Graham moved to accept the Change of Control for Sunset Memory Gardens to CMS East Holdings. Floor opened for discussion: Ms. Cotten questioned Mr. Abraham on several small discrepancies found on the inspection report. Mr. Abraham informed Mrs. Cotten all issues have been resolved. No further discussion. Motion to approve the Change of Control seconded by Mrs. Cotton and passed. Mr. Gaffney reminded the Commissioners this special meeting has no other agenda items and is concluded.

IV. REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING DATE:

April 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

V. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:17AM