

North Carolina Cemetery Commission

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024

The North Carolina Cemetery Commission held a quarterly meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, via Teleconference and hosted at the Hilton in North Hills, Raleigh.

President William “Bill” Gaffney and the following Commissioners were present: Mr. Bobby Townsend, Mr. Brian Hill, Ms. Sharon Weaver, Ms. Bonita Caldwell, Mr. David Simmons, Ms. Ebbie Whitley Hendren, Mrs. Lidan Cotten Dodson, and Mr. Gantt Stephens, Director of Operations, were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. President Gaffney called for a moment of silence.

The first item of the meeting was the agenda approval. Ms. Whitley Hendren moved to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Caldwell. All voted in favor of accepting the agenda as written.

The second item of the meeting was the minutes approval. Ms. Caldwell moved to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Townsend. All voted in favor of accepting the agenda as written.

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 declared conflicts of interest regarding agenda items today.

- II. **Operations Report** - Mr. Stephens began by reviewing the financials and asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. The operations report was provided to the Commissioners. No questions were received.
- III. **Requests from the Public to Address the Commission** - President Gaffney invited any member of the public wishing to address the Commission to come forward. No public speakers were in attendance.
- I. **New Business- NCCC Financial Audit** -Mr. Stephens directed the Commissioners to the Independent Audit of the NCCC’s financials performed by Stancil accounting firm. Mr. Stephens also reminded the Commissioners that all commissioners are free to contact Stancil and/or Maddison Caison accounting firms any time they have questions or would like additional information. The floor was then opened for any questions. No questions were received.

II. Old Business

- a. **LandQuest Legacy Receivership** – Mr. Stephens provided an update regarding the receivership at Landquest Legacy. The receiver, Mr. Mason, is in place at the cemetery and in the process of bringing all customer orders current and addressing immediate grounds concerns. Significant progress has been made with ordering a portion of the

estimated 400+ delinquent merchandise orders. Complaints continue to dwindle as these issues are addressed.

- b. Shepherd Memorial Park Receivership** – There is an upcoming court date, but no other news to report at this time. The court appointed receiver continues to do a good job and the most critical issues with Shepherd have abated.

III. Reminder of next meeting date

Mr. Gaffney reminded all in attendance that the next scheduled quarterly meeting will take place on January 15th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton in North Hills, Raleigh.

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Cotten Dodson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Townsend. The meeting adjourned at 10:14AM.