VIRGINIA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS
SPECIAL CONFERNCE COMMITTEE

The Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers convened on March 24, 2009 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Hearing Room 4, Henrico, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randolph T. Minter, FSP, Chair
Michael J. Leonard, FSP, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Rashaun K. Minor, Discipline Operations Manager
Kathy Truesdale, Compliance Case Manager
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED: **Verdell A. White, FSP, License Number: 0503-000461 (Probation) Case Number:118618**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Minter called the conference to order at 1:40 p.m.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Verdell did not appear before the Committee in person in accordance with the notice of the Board dated February 3, 2009.

The Committee reviewed the allegations in the notice of informal that Mr. Verdell may have violated the terms and conditions of his Probation.

CLOSED SESSION: Mr. Leonard moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Verdell A. White, FSP. Additionally, Mr. Leonard moved that Ms. Minor, Ms. Truesdale, and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:50 p.m.

Mr. Leonard moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RESPONDENT ARRIVES: Mr. Verdell arrives to the informal conference at 1:55 p.m.

Mr. Verdell addressed the Committee in response to the allegations set forth in the notice of informal conference dated February 3, 2009.

CLOSED SESSION: Mr. Leonard moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Verdell A. White, FSP. Additionally, Mr. Leonard moved that Ms. Minor, Ms. Truesdale, and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:40 p.m.

Mr. Leonard moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Minter moved to have Mr. Opper read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law adopted by the Committee and the decision adopted by the Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Verdell A. White, FSP, was offered a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of his Funeral Service Provider license for not less than one (1) year.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourn this case at 2:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Randy T. Minter, FSP, Chair Michael J. Leonard, FSP, Board Member
STAFF PRESENT:	Rashaun K. Minor, Discipline Operations Manager Kathy Truesdale, Compliance Case Manager Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:	**Mullins & Thompson Funeral Service Stafford Chapel** **License Number: 0501-000612 Case Number: 119862** **Manager of Record: William James Dunn, II, FSP**
CALL TO ORDER:	Mr. Minter called the conference to order at 2:45 p.m.
DISCUSSION:	Mr. Dunn did not appear before the Committee in person in accordance with the notice of the Board dated February 19, 2009. Mr. Michael A. Gony, Marketing Manager, and Mr. Paul Whitten, Marketing Manager, with Service Corporation International (SCI), appeared before the Committee on behalf of Mr. Dunn. The Committee reviewed the allegations in the notice of informal with Mr. Whitten and Mr. Gony, that Mullins & Thompson Funeral Services may have violated the laws and regulations governing the practice of funeral services.
CLOSED SESSION:	Mr. Leonard moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mullins & Thompson Funeral Service. Additionally, Mr. Leonard moved that Ms. Minor, Ms. Truesdale, and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
OPEN SESSION:	The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Leonard moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Minter moved to have Mr. Opper read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law adopted by the Committee and the decision adopted by the Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mullins & Thompson Funeral Service was found in violation of the allegations in the notice of informal and assessed a monetary penalty of $5,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourn this case at 4:13 p.m.

Randolph T. Minter, FSP, Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

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