

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
JUSTIN M. LEE (E-2465)**

**CASE NUMBER:  
25.26.0024**

**and**

**GEESEY-FERGUSON FUNERAL  
HOME, INC., (1121) Crowley, Louisiana**

**FILED: MARCH 27, 2026**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND BOARD ORDER**

The above-captioned matter came before the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors (“LSBEFD” or “Board”) on March 11, 2026. An Admission and Consent was submitted to the Board for consideration in lieu of a formal administrative hearing.

**APPEARANCES**

The following were present:

**BOARD MEMBERS: STEPHEN BOUDREAUX, ANNA WILBERT-BREAUX, WILLIE DAVIS, JR., TROY DENNARD, CHARLES JOSEPH "JOE" EAGAN, III, TERRY LUNEAU, GREGORY MCKNEELY, AND KELLY RUSH SAVOY**

**KIM MICHEL**, Executive Director, for and on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors; and

**CARRIE L. JONES**, General Counsel, for and on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

**FINIDNGS OF FACT**

An Admission and Consent was presented to the LSBEFD on March 11, 2026, in which Justin Lee and Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc., (collectively referred to as “Respondents”), admitted and consented to the jurisdiction of the Board over this matter, acknowledged the Board’s power and authority to accept and enter into such decree, and waived their appearance and all notice requirements. The following Findings of Fact as set forth in the Admission and Consent are adopted by the Board:

1. The LSBEFD has jurisdiction over the Respondent(s) pursuant to LA R.S. 37:840, which grants the Board authority to enforce the provisions of the Embalming and Funeral Directors Practice Act.
2. On January 8, 2001, **Justin M. Lee (#E-2465)** was licensed as an embalmer and funeral director and is subject to the jurisdiction of the LSBEFD.

3. **Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc. (#1121)** is licensed as a funeral establishment and subject to the jurisdiction of the LSBEFD.
4. On or about December 5, 2025, James C. Amy submitted a sworn complaint with the LSBEFD against Justin Lee and Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, Crowley, Louisiana, alleging that Respondents failed to timely file the death certificate of Mr. Amy's mother, Lenora Marie Amy, who passed away on July 9, 2021. Mr. Amy made repeated attempts over a four-plus year period to obtain his mother's death certificate to no avail.
5. Mr. Amy's sworn complaint reported that the death certificate was filed late and without notification. More specifically, only through continued follow-up, Mr. Amy learned that the death certificate had actually been filed in May 2025. However, Respondents never notified Mr. Amy, offered no explanation for the delay, and provided no communication acknowledging the nearly four-year lapse in filing for the death certificate.
6. Mr. Amy's sworn complaint asserted that Respondents' conduct caused: significant emotional distress; delayed handling of legal, financial, and estate matters; unnecessary administrative burdens; and a preventable four-year ordeal during a time of grief.
7. On or about December 11, 2025, Respondents were notified of Mr. Amy's complaint and provided an opportunity to respond to the allegations in writing.
8. On or around December 18, 2025, Respondents submitted a written response to the LSBEFD regarding Complaint No. 25.26.0024, which acknowledged that Respondents "fell short in this situation." The response further provided, "Although we had to switch doctors' numerous times and wait for signature we should have stayed on top of this issue and had it rectified as soon as possible and understand this is no excuse. I've addressed the issue internally and [we] are taking steps to ensure it does not happen again. A refund of funds including the sum to get death certificates expedited was given to Mr. Amy as well as a verbal apology. His comments have been taken seriously, and improvements have been implemented to prevent this happening again. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any question."
9. Justin M. Lee, owner, manager, and registered agent of the entity operating as Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc., and the entity operating as Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc., violated LA R.S. 37:846(A)(5) by engaging in unprofessional, unethical, or dishonest conduct when Respondents failed to timely apply for a death certificate for Lenora Marie Amy and more specifically in violation of the following laws:
  - LA R.S. 37:846(A)(14) provides that the Board may impose a sanction or fine for: violation of any law of this state relating to the embalming, burial, cremation, or disposal of dead human bodies or cremated human remains, or any of the provisions of this Chapter, or of the rules and regulations of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors or the applicable rules and regulations of the Louisiana Department of Health, the Department of Environmental Quality, or any other federal, state, or local governmental entity; or promoting, participating in, operating or servicing, directly or indirectly, any burial insurance association or society, or issuing, giving, selling, or distributing any contract, certificate, or coupon, granting or promising to the holder, his representatives or assigns, any burial benefits, or credit thereon, unless such association, society, contract, certificate, or coupon is authorized and approved by Louisiana law.
  - LA R.S. 40:47 provides for the compulsory registration of deaths and specifically requires a certificate of every death shall be filed with a registrar within five days after its occurrence. It further provides that a certificate shall be filed prior to interment, cremation, removal, or other disposition of the body.
  - LA R.S. 40:49 provides that a funeral director or person acting as such shall prepare and file the certificate of death provided for in R.S. 40:47.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board may impose a sanction or fine for: violation of any law of this state relating to the embalming, burial, cremation, or disposal of dead human bodies or cremated human remains, or any of the provisions of this Chapter, or of the rules and regulations of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors or the applicable rules and regulations of the Louisiana Department of Health, the Department of Environmental Quality, or any other federal, state, or local governmental entity; or promoting, participating in, operating or servicing, directly or indirectly, any burial insurance association or society, or issuing, giving, selling, or distributing any contract, certificate, or coupon, granting or promising to the holder, his representatives or assigns, any burial benefits, or credit thereon, unless such association, society, contract, certificate, or coupon is authorized and approved by Louisiana law. LA R.S. 37:846(A)(14).
2. The compulsory registration of deaths and specifically requires a certificate of every death shall be filed with a registrar within five days after its occurrence. It further provides that a certificate shall be filed prior to interment, cremation, removal, or other disposition of the body. LA R.S. 40:47.
3. A funeral director or person acting as such shall prepare and file the certificate of death provided for in R.S. 40:47. LA R.S. 40:49.

## BOARD ORDER

After considering the Admission and Consent, upon motion, the LSBEFD affirmed, by majority vote of those present, the following Order:

**IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the Admission and Consent offered by Justin M. Lee and Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc., is accepted.

**IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that Justin M. Lee and Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc., are fined \$1,000.00 plus attorney fees.

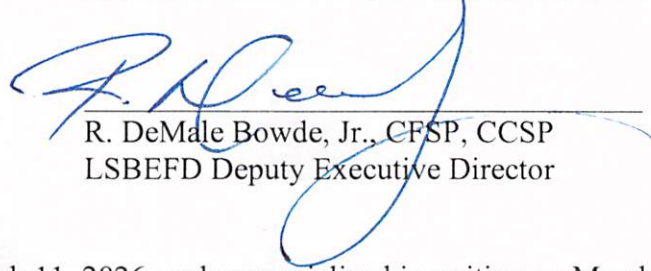
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the combined fine and attorney fee assessment totals \$2,830.00.

**IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the fine and attorney fee assessment are due within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Board Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that all payments shall be made by cashier's check or money order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that failure to comply with this Board Order shall result in automatic suspension of the establishment license, which may be imposed by the Executive Direct subject to ratification by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. DeMale Bowde, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

R. DeMale Bowde, Jr., CFSP, CCSP  
LSBEFD Deputy Executive Director

Metairie, Louisiana

Order rendered on March 11, 2026, and memorialized in writing on March 27, 2026.