

IN THE MATTER OF
ANDREW STEVENSON
AND THE ENTITY OPERATING AS
GOLDEN MEADOWS FUNERAL HOME
ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF EMBALERS AND FUNERAL
DIRECTORS

FILED: APR 16 2021


CLERK

FINDINGS OF FACT and DECISIONS of the BOARD

This matter came before the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors on April 13, 2021 for a ruling on request issued ordering the: 1. Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home in St. Martinville, Louisiana to show cause why he and his firm did not file a timely answer to a complaint filed under complaint number 19.20.28; and 2. Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home in St. Martinville, Louisiana to show cause why he and his firm did not appear before the Board on March 9, 2021 pursuant to the subpoena issued on February 3, 2021.

Present:

CHANEL R. DEBOSE, Prosecuting Attorney, for and on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, not acting in her capacity as Prosecuting Attorney.

CHRIS LENTO, General Counsel, for and on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, via Zoom.

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

ANDREW STEVENSON appearing on behalf of himself and the entity operating as **GOLDEN MEADOWS FUNERAL HOME**.

After considering the law, the evidence, entire record of these proceedings, and the testimony submitted by the parties for a ruling on the Subpoenas issued ordering ANDREW STEVENSON and the entity operating as GOLDEN MEADOWS FUNERAL HOME, who appeared before the Board to be a part of the proceedings held on April 13, 2021, the Louisiana Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors rule as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

That ANDREW STEVENSON is a licensed funeral director and embalmer, (#E-2139) and a licensed funeral establishment manager, owner and the designated agent for the entity known as GOLDEN MEADOWS FUNERAL HOME, (#2301), Gonzales, Louisiana, and, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of this Board: that evidence contained within the record of these proceedings,

and the statements offered reflect that Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home failed to show good cause why they did not file a timely answer to complaint number 19.20.28, and Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home failed to show good cause why they did not appear before the Board on March 9, 2021 pursuant to the subpoena issued on February 3, 2021, which was issued under penalty of law, including, but not limited to, license suspension. Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home received notice that it was their privilege to be represented by counsel. Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home received subpoenas that referred to the subpoena powers granted to the Board under LA R.S. 37:840 A. (4), as well as LA R.S. 37:847).

CONCLUSIONS

As to **Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home**, the Board members found that Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home failed to show good cause why they did not file a timely answer to complaint number 19.20.28, and Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home failed to show good cause why they did not appear before the Board on March 9, 2021 pursuant to the subpoena issued on February 3, 2021.

DECISION OF THE BOARD

Accordingly, for the reasons as stated and noted herein above;

IT IS ORDERED BY THE BOARD that Andrew Stevenson, manager, owner, and operator of the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home, funeral director's and embalmer's license, (#E2139) is suspended for thirty (30) days beginning April 19, 2021. The thirty (30) day suspension will expire on May 18, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE BOARD that Andrew Stevenson, manager, owner and operator of the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home shall notify the Board of the name and license number of the manager who will be managing his firm during the thirty (30) days that his funeral director's and embalmer's license is under suspension.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE BOARD that Jude Daigle, Inspector for and on

behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Directors, is hereby ordered to perform periodic inspections on the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home to inspect and to verify that Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home is complying with the orders of the Board during the time of the suspension.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE BOARD that if Andrew Stevenson, manager, owner and operator of the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home fails to comply with the orders of the Board, then Andrew Stevenson and the entity operating as Golden Meadows Funeral Home will be required to appear before the Board for further sanctions in accordance with the law.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD


SECRETARY

Metairie, Louisiana
April 16, 2021

