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South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board:

Who are they, and what do they
do?

What is the South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board?



The Perpetual Care Cemetery Board is responsible for licensing all entities engaging in the business of operating a perpetual care cemetery. The board ensures compliance with state laws and regulations governing the conduct of perpetual care cemeteries in South Carolina. The board issues disciplinary action when necessary.

Who sits on the South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board?



The Board consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor. Of those:

- Three (3) must be public members who have no financial interest in and are not involved in the management of a cemetery or funeral-related business.
- Four (4) members must be owners or managers of cemeteries in this state who may be selected from nominees submitted by the South Carolina Cemetery Association

Current members are:

- Russel Floyd, Chair
- Felicia Charles-Smith, Vice Chair
- David Brown
- Jeff Riggins
- Pamela Turner, CPA – Public Member

There are currently two vacant public member spots. Anyone wishing to serve as a public member should contact the Governor's office for more information.

Are all cemeteries regulated by the South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board?

No. Only perpetual care cemeteries are regulated by the Board. Any cemetery established after January 1, 2003 must be a perpetual care cemetery unless they are exempted by Section 40-8-200.

The provisions of the South Carolina Perpetual Cemetery Act do not apply to:

- Governmental cemeteries
- Nonprofit cemeteries
- Church cemeteries (these include all religious cemeteries)
- Nature preserve cemeteries (Note: The Board must approve the exemption for a nature preserve cemetery per Regulation 21-27)
- Family burial grounds



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Thank you for having me today!

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