

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.**Advisory Committee Members

Jasmine L. Berrios
Jolena M. Grande
Margaret McMillan
Kenneth Nathaniel Beard
Rev. Jason E. Bense
Kirk Jeffrey Gilles
Eloise Kaeck

Stakeholder Members

Jerry Desmond
Marcus Detwiler

DCA Staff

Michael Kanotz

Cemetery and Funeral Bureau (Bureau or CFB) Staff: Gina Chiaverini Sanchez, Bureau Chief, Almer Generoso, Legislative Analyst.

1. Opening Remarks/Roll Call of Members.

Bureau Chief, Gina Sanchez, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Ms. Sanchez indicated that the meeting is open to the public in Sacramento and available via WebEx and teleconference platforms. Ms. Sanchez provided instruction on the conduct of the meeting including how to make public comment and introduced the meeting moderator who provided instructions for participating in the meeting. Ms. Sanchez conducted roll call of committee members along with welcoming new members.

2. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

Members of the public attending via WebEx or in attendance in Sacramento attending in person were provided the opportunity to comment.

- Mr. Scott had raised concern about his email not working, which was later resolved.

3. Public Comment on Legislative Solutions Addressing Unlicensed and Abandoned Endowment Cemeteries: Ms. Sanchez reported on:

- a. Ms. Sanchez gave a summary of the Bureau's oversight over its licensees and once a cemetery becomes unlicensed with an endowment care fund along with BPC 7653.9 & 7614. In addition, Ms. Sanchez reintroduced Senate Bill 777 in the meeting, providing a brief overview and welcomed public comments.
 - Ms. Nicole thanked the panel and had concerns about maintenance of Mt. Tamalpais cemetery and long-term care of its grounds along with the Jewish section.
 - Jerry Desmond thanked the Bureau and provided comments regarding the

continued care of endowment care cemeteries and provided possible solutions for appointing a temporary manager.

- Ms. Ester provided concerns about the grounds surrounding her mother's grave.
- Ms. Sarah raised concerns about the grounds around her family's monuments and the damage done by local wildlife.
- Ms. Jones thanked the Bureau for the opportunity to speak. She raised concerns about Lincoln memorial about overgrown foliage and vandalism and what can be done.
- Ms. Tracy raised concerns about the misuse of the endowment care fund and provided a solution for appointing new management for the cemetery.
- Mr. Gladstone raised concerns that the Bureau lacks enforcement and offered an expansion of the Bureau's oversight and enforcement powers.
- Ms. Mitchell had concerns about if their plots are worth keeping and having loved ones buried at Mt. Tamalpais.
- Ms. Corey had a question about whether she should continue with her plans to be buried at Mt. Tamalpais and disinter her father.
- Ms. Katherine had concerns about not being able to find her loved one's grave due to it sinking by the digging of local wildlife.
- Ms. Sarah provided feedback to the Bureau by increasing their oversight of the funds and concerns about the grounds of Mt. Tamalpais.
- Ms. Jone had questions about donating plots to Mt. Tamalpais for the care of the grounds
- Ms. Paula had concerns about not being able to get to her husband's grave due to the road being closed.
- Mr. Josh provided solutions to the Bureau on what it needs to identify potential abandoned cemetery. While providing the idea of Mt. Tamalpais becoming part of the municipality.
- Ms. Lazar had concerns about the landscape while visiting her mother's grave.
- Mr. Terry raised concern about the grounds of the cemetery.
- Dr. Julian had technical issues.
- Ms. Sherry provided the Bureau and the community with the option of becoming a custodian for abandoned cemeteries.
- Ms. Lisa raised concerns about the grounds of Mt. Tamalpais and the state of her mother's headstone.
- Mr. Jim provided the idea of cemeteries using the banking industry to avoid future failures.
- Ms. Sherly gave concerns of the grounds of Mt. Tamalpais
- Ms. Gina provided the Bureau's email if attendees are having difficulties.
- Mr. Johnson raised concerns about Lincoln memorial not being accessible to the public with lock gates, vandalism and overall, not being upkept.
- Mr. Martin urged the attendees to write to their legislators to take action on abandoned cemeteries.
- Ms. Sarah provided solutions with the help of AI regarding solutions for Mt. Tamalpais grounds.

4. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 11:36 A.M