



State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

August 5, 2014

Gere Fulton, Ph. D., J.D.
311 Wiltshire Way
Columbia, South Carolina 29229

Dear Mr. Fulton,

On July 15, 2014, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for the following:

“Whether [Mark O’Steen] has anything in his background that would qualify him as an advocate to promote and protect the interests of the public on a Board that is clearly dominated by funeral directors.”

Enclosed are records related to your request. Please be advised that some of the disclosed records have been redacted where exemptions apply pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws: Section 30-4-40(a)(2) (information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of personal privacy).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca S. Schimsa".

Rebecca S. Schimsa
Deputy Legal Counsel



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December 5, 2011

Mr. Mark R. O'Steen
18 Brookland Court
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301

Dear Mr. O'Steen,

As Governor of South Carolina, I am hereby confirming your appointment to the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service with a term commencing 8/15/2011 and expiring 8/15/2014. I am grateful of your willingness to serve the people of South Carolina in this position.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki".

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/mw

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thanks Mark.".

Thanks Mark.



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December 5, 2011

The Honorable Mark Hammond
Secretary of State
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Secretary Hammond,

I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of South Carolina have appointed Mr. Mark R. O'Steen to the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service pursuant to §40-19-10.

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT

Term Commencing: 8/15/2011

Term Expiring: 8/15/2014

Seat: Licensed

Vice: Margery McWhorter

Home Information

Mr. Mark R. O'Steen

18 Brookland Court

Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301

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My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/mw



Office
State of

Application for Board

Your nomination **will not** be complete until this application is received at:
Attn: Madison Walker, 1205 Pendleton Street

BOARD: Funeral Service
SEAT: Public
TERM: 8/15/11 - 8/15/14
VICE: Margery McWhorter
NOTES: 40-19-10

1) Your Name:

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. O'STEEN MARK R.
Last First Middle

2) Name of Board, Commission, or Committee you are being considered for:

Funeral Service Board

3) Your Current Address, City, Zip Code and County:

Your Congressional District: HE 04

18 Brookland Ct. (LEE BRIGHT)
SPARTANBURG, S.C. 29301 USA

4) Home Telephone: 864-██████████ 5) Office Telephone: _____ 6) Fax: _____

7) Mobile Telephone: 917-██████████ 8) Email Address: MARK.ROSTEEN@██████████

9) Drivers License # ██████████ 10) Social Security #: ██████████

11) Voter Registration # ██████████ 12) Date of Birth: MARCH 31, 1956

13) Race: White 14) Sex: Male / Female

15) Level of Educational Background Completed:

- Some High School _____
- High School graduate or equivalence (G.E.D.) _____
- Some College _____
- College graduate BS BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- Professional degree (please specify) _____

16) Present Employer UNIQUE TECHNOLOGIES ASSOCIATES

Address 42 MILEED WAY, AVENEL, NJ 07001

Current Position REGIONAL MANAGER

17) Years of residence in South Carolina: 55

18) Have you ever been arrested for a crime other than a minor traffic violation? NO If so, give details.*

- 19] Have you filed state and federal income tax returns for the past five years? YES If not, give details.*
- 20] Are you or any company in which you have a controlling interest delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? No If so, give details.*
- 21] Have you ever defaulted on any state or federal student loan? No If so, give details.*
- 22] Have you been treated for any alcohol, drug addiction, or substance abuse for the preceding five years? No
If so, give details.*
- 23] Have you been party (plaintiff or defendant) in any state or federal litigation for the preceding five years? No
If so, give details.*
- 24] Have you ever served in the military? No
Were you honorably discharged? _____ If not, give details.*
- 25] Have you ever been terminated from employment for cause? No If so, give details.*
- 26] Have you or any employer in the preceding ten years been investigated, reprimanded, fined, or suspended for doing business with any state or federal agency? No If so, give details.*
- 27] Have you ever been disciplined or fined by the State Ethics Commission? No If so, give details.*
- 28] Have you ever been disciplined or fined by any professional or regulatory agency? No If so, give details.*
- 29] Do you serve on any local or state board, commission, committee, or elected office? No If so, list.*
- 30] Are you a registered lobbyist in the State of South Carolina? No
- 31] Do you or any member of your immediate family receive any income, compensation or benefits from state and local agencies in South Carolina? No If so, give details.*
- 32] Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest in any business that has, is, or will do business with the State of South Carolina or the entity for which you are applying? No If so, give details.*
- 33] Are you or any member of your immediate family associated with any business regulated by the entity to which you are applying? No If yes, give details.*

34] Have you or any member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented personal property to any state or local public agency in South Carolina? No If so, please identify *:
a) the type of property,
b) the name of the agency(s) involved,
c) the value of the transaction(s).

35] Do you or any member of your immediate family owe a debt in excess of \$500 to any creditor regulated by the entity to which you are applying? No If so, give details.* (Do not disclose debt promised or loaned by a bank, savings and loan or other licensed financial institution.)

36] Do you or any member of your immediate family owe a debt in excess of \$500 to any creditor seeking a business relationship with the entity for which you are applying? No If so, give details.* (Do not disclose debt promised or loaned by a bank, savings and loan or other licensed financial institution.)

37] Do you or any member of your immediate family receive compensation from any individual or business that contracts with the entity for which you are applying? No If yes, please identify *:
a) the individual or business,
b) the amount of compensation paid to you,
c) the nature and amount of the contract,
d) the governmental entity involved.

38] I, Mark R. O'Steen, agree that, if I am appointed to the FUNERAL SERVICES BOARD I will attend all stated or called meetings of this entity. If I am absent from three consecutive meetings, or if I am absent from half of the meetings within a six-month period, then I will resign my appointment. However, if the Chairperson excuses my absence prior to the meeting, in recognition of circumstances beyond my control (illness, family emergency, etc.), then I am entitled to retain my position.

*Use extra sheet if necessary.

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Personally appeared before me, the applicant, who being duly sworn, disposed, and says that all his/her statements are true, accurate and complete: and that he/she knows and agrees that any misrepresentation or omission of the facts may result in his/her being disqualified or being discharged should he/she already be appointed by the Governor. He/she authorizes the State Law Enforcement Division to conduct a background investigation including, but not limited to, a criminal history, driving record and credit check. He/she also authorizes the Governor's Office to provide the nominating authorities with copies of this application, the criminal history and credit report and any other information gathered in processing this appointment.

Mark R. O'Steen
Applicant's Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me this 10th day of November, Two Thousand and eleven.

A. Keith Plinsky
Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires 11/3/2013