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Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 2:50 PM
To: Philpott, Katie
Subject: Request for information about appointment to regulatory boards

Dear Ms. Philpott:

You may remember me from previous correspondence. I am the president of the Board of Directors of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of South Carolina and I had previously written to you in search of information about appointment to the Board of Funeral Service.

What I'm looking for now is information about the *process* that is used in appointing members to the BFS. I believe that I am correct in saying that 6 of the members are recommended by the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association and 3 are recommended by the South Carolina Morticians Association. These associations are representative of the white and black funeral directors respectively. The other two members of the 11-member Board are "public members" and are appointed by the Governor. What is not clear to me is the Governor's role in selecting the funeral directors for appointment to the Board. Does the Governor *choose* from a list submitted to her from the associations or does she merely appoint members whose names have been submitted to her?

SECTION 40-19-10. Board of Funeral Service; creation; membership; conduct of business by positive majority vote.

There is created the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service consisting of eleven members appointed by the Governor from the State at large for terms of three years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Of the eleven members, two must be members from the general public not connected with a funeral service establishment, and the remaining members must have been licensed as funeral directors and embalmers for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment and must be actively employed or actively engaged in the funeral service profession. All members must have been residents of this State for not fewer than five years preceding the date of their appointment.

The South Carolina Funeral Directors Association may recommend six members, the South Carolina Morticians Association may recommend three members, and an individual or private or public group or organization may make recommendations. All recommendations must be made to the Governor before the second of July in each year the term of office of a member expires. Appointments are effective on August fifteenth. Vacancies must be filled in the manner of original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. The board shall notify the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association and the South Carolina Morticians Association of any vacancies that occur.

I suspect that there is a policy that controls this and, if so, could you please either send me a copy of that policy or refer me to a source from whom I might obtain it?

Since I suspect that you may require a Freedom of Information Act request to provide this information, please consider this e-mail as such.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.