

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
**Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**January 3, 2013**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**Board Members Present**

Robert McCullough  
Karen Canupp  
Jody Whisenant  
Whitman Lord

**Staff Present**

Tanja Battle, Executive Director  
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Dr. McCullough established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:35a.m.

**Open Session**

Dr. McCullough stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the age limitation on Continuing Education (CE). Dr. McCullough states that, in order for this to be effective for the next renewal cycle, this change would need to occur during the upcoming legislative session. Dr. McCullough stated that he believed Georgia to be one of the few states, if not the only one, that has an age limit on CE. Discussion ensued about opening the practice act and Dr. Whisenant discussed the possibility of an engrossed bill. Dr. McCullough states that would be up to the GOA.

Dr. Whisenant made a motion, Karen Canupp seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to support legislation to remove the age limit from the continuing education requirement.

The GOA Executive Meeting will be on January 12, 2013 at which time the Board's vote will be communicated.

No further discussion and meeting adjourned at 8:45am