

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS  
Teleconference Meeting: December 15, 2016  
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Thursday, December 15, 2016**, at the office of Professional Licensing Boards (PLB) Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Dr. Randy Kath, PG, Vice Chair  
Ken Simonton, PG  
Dr. Jim L. Kennedy, III, PG, ex-Officio  
Martha Carr, PG  
Dr. Stephen Henderson, Consumer Member

**The following Board members were not present:**

Lillian J. Furlow, PG, Chair  
Ben Bentkowski, PG

**Others present:**

Darren Mickler, Executive Director  
Charlotte Mason, Licensure Supervisor  
Ava Walker, Licensing Analyst  
Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist  
Janet Jackson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Vice Chairman Dr. Randy Kath established a quorum was present at 2:02 p.m. and called the meeting to order.

**Open Session:**

**OCGA § 43-19-12: “Qualifications of applicants.”**

**Current statutory language:**

To be eligible for a certificate of registration, an applicant shall meet each of the following minimum qualifications:

- (2) Have graduated from an accredited college or university which has been approved by the Board with a major in either geology, engineering geology, or geological engineering; or have Completed 45 quarter hours or the equivalent in geological science courses leading to a major in Geology, of which at least 36 hours or the equivalent were taken in the third or fourth year or in Graduate courses;

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**Suggested new language:**

(2) Have graduated from an accredited college or university which has been approved by the Board with a degree in geology, engineering geology, or a related geological science; or the applicant

Shall have successfully completed 30 semester hours (45 quarter hours) including core academic

Courses in physical and historical geology, mineralogy, structural geology, igneous and metamorphic

Petrology, stratigraphy and sedimentation, and field geology, or the equivalent of such core academic

Courses as determined by the board; and the applicant shall have completed, in addition to the

Core academic courses, at least one board approved elective (if needed to complete the 30

Semesters hours) including but not limited to, hydrogeology, economic geology, geochemistry,

Paleontology, environmental geology, engineering geology, geomorphology, or geophysics;

**Other changes to OCGA § 43-19-12:**

(3)(A) Each year of undergraduate study in the geological sciences shall count as one-half year of

Training up to a maximum of two years, and each year of graduate study in the geological sciences

Shall count as a year of training up to a maximum of two years;

(3)(B) Credit for undergraduate study, graduate study, and graduate courses in the geological

Sciences, individually or in any combination thereof, shall in no case exceed a total of four years

Toward meeting the requirements for at least seven years of professional geological, work as set forth

above;

**Adjournment:**

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There being no further business, at 2:37 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for February 1, 2017.

Minutes recorded by: Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Darren Mickler, Executive Director

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Lillian Furlow, Board Chair

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Darren Mickler, Executive Director

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