



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **General Issues Committee Meeting**

May 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.  
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 7.800  
Austin, Texas 78701

### MINUTES

1. The General Issues Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m., roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Members in attendance were Committee Chair Ed Janak, P.G., Bereket Derie, PhD, P.G., Brandon Stowers, Public Member, and Mark N. Varhaug, P.G., CPG.
2. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on February 09, 2023 were approved unanimously, as presented.
3. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more or less time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the Committee Chair). No public comment was received.
4. The Committee discussed Non Traditional Licensing activities and a new public comment from Mr. Campbell regarding Carbon Capture. Compliance Investigator Brycen Arnold gave a report on the information he gathered regarding this subject and the response that was sent to Mr. Campbell regarding the compliance issues he asked about. Committee Chair Janak asked members of the committee and staff to research jurisdiction over carbon capture and consider how to move forward.
5. Potential outreach initiatives. Outreach will be discussed at the Board meeting.
6. The next scheduled General Issues Committee Meeting will be on August 10, 2023.
7. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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