



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **General Issues Committee Meeting**

August 10, 2023, at 2:15 p.m.  
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 7.800  
Austin, Texas 78701

### **Minutes**

1. The General Issues Committee was called to order at 2:23 p.m., roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Members in attendance were Committee Chair Ed Janak, P.G., Brandon Stowers, Public Member, and Mark N. Varhaug, P.G., CPG.  
Bereket Derie, PhD, P.G joined the meeting before Agenda item 2 was considered.
2. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on May 11, 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, Carbon capture and sequestration. Compliance Investigator Brycen Arnold gave a report on the information he gathered regarding this subject and the suggestion from the Compliance Committee to recommend the Board form a Work Group to further investigate and discuss TBPG's jurisdiction over carbon capture and how to move forward.
5. Potential outreach initiatives. Current, past and future outreach was discussed.
6. The next scheduled General Issues Committee Meeting will be on November 16, 2023.
7. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m

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