



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

November 15, 2023, at 2:15 p.m.
1801 Congress Avenue, Room 7.102
Austin, Texas 78701

Minutes

1. The General Issues Committee was called to order at 2:20 p.m., roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Members in attendance were Committee Chair Mark Varhaug, P.G., CPG, David Prescott, PG, Bereket Derie, PHD, PG and Danielle Kingham, PG.
2. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on August 10, 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 Work Group being formed to review regulatory language regarding Carbon Capture and Sequestration. Brycen reported that he had 7 professionals who had agreed to serve on the workgroup, but the first meeting had not taken place yet.
5. Potential outreach initiatives. Current, past and future outreach was discussed. A motion was made to recommend to the full Board that they direct staff to establish a workgroup to partner with universities in Texas to further educate and engage to promote Geoscience licensure in Texas. Motion carried unanimously.
6. The next scheduled General Issues Committee Meeting will be on February 15, 2023.
7. The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m

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