

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 18-19, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Oil Conservation Commission special meeting was a hybrid meeting with both in person and virtual participation options. The meeting was held in the Wendell Chino Building, with the morning session being held in Room #391 and the afternoon session in Pecos Hall, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Thompson	Designee, New Mexico State Land Office
Albert Chang	Director, Oil Conservation Division (OCD) and Commission Chair

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

William Ampomah	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Zachary Shandler	Commission Counsel
Sheila Apodaca	Commission Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Chang at 9:00 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Action: Roll was taken; a quorum of two was present.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Thompson moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Chang seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3: Approval of the Meeting Minutes from July 17, August 14, and September 12, 2025.

Action: Commissioner Thompson moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Chang seconded the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Item 4. Pending cases:

- **Case No. 25371: Application by Coterra Energy Operating Co. for Hearing De Novo of Division Case Nos. 23448-23455, 23594-23601, and 23508-23523; Order No. R-23089-A, Lea County, New Mexico.**
 - **Matter to be heard: Evidentiary Hearing.**

Action: Darin Savage and William Zimsky appeared on behalf of Coterra Energy Operating Company. Adam Rankin and Paula Vance appeared on behalf of Permian Resources and Read & Stevens.

Chair Chang reminded the parties that there is a pre-hearing order in effect with time limits and other housekeeping items.

Adam Rankin addressed the matter of the newly filed amicus brief, and his position that it is inappropriate in this forum. Chair Chang acknowledged the filing of the Petition and announced that the Commission would hold it in abeyance until the Commission can decide later how to handle it. The Chair also noted that the parties have stipulated to the admission of the underlying case records.

Darin Savage delivered an Opening Statement on behalf of Coterra.

Permian Resources and Read & Stevens reserved their Opening Statement for the start of their case-in-chief.

Coterra's witness, Staci Frey was sworn in and provided testimony through direct examination, cross-examination, redirect examination, re-cross examination. Witness was excused.

Exhibits B-1 through B-14 were admitted without objection.

Coterra's witness, Kent Weinkauff was sworn in and provided testimony through direct examination, cross-examination, re-direct examination and examination by Commission Counsel, Zachary Shandler. Witness was excused.

Exhibits C-1, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-8, C-9, C-10, C-11, C-12, C-13, C-14, C-15 were admitted without objection.

Coterra's witness, Calvin Boyle was sworn in and provided testimony through direct examination and cross-examination. Witness was excused.

Exhibits D-1, D-2, D-3, and D-4 were admitted without objection.

Coterra's witness, Ashley St. Pierre was sworn in and provided testimony through direct examination, cross-examination, re-direct examination, examination by Commission Counsel Shandler.

Exhibits A through A22 admitted without objection. Permian Cross-Exhibit 1 was admitted.

Coterra's witness Staci Frey was recalled. Examination by Commissioner Thompson and re-direct by Darin Savage. Witness was excused.

Adam Rankin delivered an Opening Statement on behalf of Permian Resources and Read & Stevens.

Permian's witness, Mark Hajdik was sworn in and provided testimony through direct examination and cross-examination.

Permian Exhibits A, B, C, G, and H were admitted without objection.

5:01 p.m. Commissioner Thompson moved to adjourn for the evening. Chair Chang seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

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9:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chang.

There were no commission questions or redirect for Permian's witness Mark Hajdik and he was excused.

Permian's witness Davro Clements was sworn in and provided testimony through direct examination and rebuttal examination, cross-examination, examination by Commissioner Thompson, and redirect examination.

Permian Exhibits D-1 through D-6 and rebuttal exhibits D-7 through D-9 were admitted without objection.

Permian's witness Ira Bradford was sworn in and provided testimony through direct examination, cross-examination and redirect examination.

Permian Exhibits E, E1-E34 were admitted without objection.

Permian's witness Carlos Sonka was sworn in and provided testimony through direct examination, rebuttal examination, cross-examination, examination by Commission Counsel Shandler, examination by Commission Chair Chang and redirect examination.

Permian Exhibits F1-F18 and rebuttal exhibits F19-F-28 were admitted without objection.

Commissioner Thompson moved for the Commission to go into closed session for discussion of procedures and logistics. Deliberations and case merits will not be discussed. Commissioner Chang seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion to go into closed session was agreed upon unanimously.

1:42 p.m. the meeting returned to open session with a motion and unanimous roll call vote to return to open session. Commissioner Chang attested that the related matters discussed in closed session were those listed in the motion.

Coterra recalled witness Staci Frey as a rebuttal witness. Ms. Frey offered rebuttal testimony through direct examination and cross-examination.

Coterra witness Kent Weinkauff was called as a rebuttal witness and offered testimony through direct examination, cross-examination, examination by Commission Counsel Shandler and redirect examination. Exhibits R1-R7 were admitted without objection.

Attorney Owen Anderson delivered closing arguments on behalf of Coterra.

Adam Rankin delivered closing arguments on behalf of Permian and Read & Stevens.

Commissioner Thompson moved to go into closed session for deliberations. Chair Chang seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion to go into closed session was unanimously approved.

4:55 p.m. Commission returned from closed session. Chair Chang attested that the Commission only discussed the Coterra matter heard today. Commission needs more time to deliberate on the matter and fully provide a well-thought-out decision on this matter and will reconvene on October 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Chang seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Item 4: Next Meeting

Action: Next meeting is on October 16, 2025

Item 5: Adjourn

Action: Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Chang at 4:57 p.m.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert Chang".

Albert Chang, Commission Chairman