

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 17, 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:

Albert Chang	Director, Oil Conservation Division (OCD) and Commission Chair
William Ampomah	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Greg Bloom	Designee, New Mexico State Land Office
Baylen Lamkin	Designee, New Mexico State Land Office [only for consolidated Goodnight Midstream/Empire New Mexico matters]

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 was present.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

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

Item 3: Approval of the Meeting Minutes of October 16-17 and October 20-November 6, and November 13, 2025.

Action: Commissioner Ampomah moved for approval of the October 16-17 Minutes. Commission Chair Chang seconded the motion. Without objection, the Minutes were approved.

Commissioner Bloom itemized typographical errors in the October 20-November 6 Minutes, and moved for approval of the Minutes with corrections. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. Without objection, the Minutes, as amended, were approved.

The Minutes for November 13, 2025 were held in abeyance until the next OCC meeting, as they are still incomplete.

Item 4: Pending cases:

a. Consolidated Cases:

- **Case Nos. 24123, 23614-17: Applications of Goodnight Permian Midstream, LLC for Approval of a Saltwater Disposal Well, Lea County, New Mexico;**
- **Case No. 23775: Application of Goodnight Midstream Permian, LLC to Amend Order No. R-22026/SWD-2403 to Increase the Approved Injection Rate in its Andre Dawson SWD #1, Lea County, New Mexico;**
- **Case Nos. 24018-24020, 24025: Application of Empire New Mexico to Revoke the Injection Authority Granted Under Order No. R-22026 for the Andre Dawson SWD #001, Lea County New Mexico;**
 - **Matter to be heard: Approval of final order.**

Action: Commission Chair Chang attested that the only matters discussed while the Commission was in closed session at the previous meeting were those that were discussed in the motion to go into closed session: deliberations on the limited rehearing.

Chair Chang announced the Commission had prepared and distributed an Order amongst all Commissioners. Chair Chang asked commissioners whether there was any further debate on the amended final order. Commissioners Ampomah and Lamkin both stated they had no further edits to the Order.

Commissioner Ampomah moved to adopt the Final Order. Commissioner Lamkin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the Commissioners Ampomah, Lamkin and Chang unanimously voted in favor of approval of the Final Order. The Final Order was distributed to the parties in attendance.

- **b. Case No. 25603: Application by Matador Production Company for a de novo hearing on Division Order No. R-23869/Division Case Nos. 25283-84.**

➢ **Matter to be heard: Status Conference**

Action: Adam Rankin and Paula Vance appeared on behalf of Matador Production Company. Dana Hardy and Jackie McLean appeared on behalf of Permian Resources Operating. The parties indicated that they are ready to move forward with an evidentiary hearing. The matter will be set for a final status conference on January 15, 2026 to discuss date for hearing

- **c. Case No. 25700: Application of Lillie and Warren Anderson for a de novo hearing on Division Order No. 23989/Division Case No. 25496; and Division Order No. 23961/ Division Case No. 25166. Case descriptions are the same as agenda numbers 3 and 4 below.**

- **Matter to be heard: Status Conference**

Action: Warren Anderson appeared, pro se. Darin Savage appeared on behalf of Alpha Energy and Adam Rankin appeared on behalf of Sarvis Permian Land Fund and Permian Resources Operating, LLC.

Chair Chang advised parties that the Commission has reviewed all pleadings filed in the matter, and offered a courtesy of oral argument if any of the parties wished to do so. Warren Anders and Darin Savage provided oral argument on the motion for summary judgment.

The Commission will deliberate in closed session and provide a decision at a later date, maybe at the next OCC meeting.

Consolidated cases:

- d. Case No. 25694: Application by American Energy Resources for a de novo hearing on Division Order No. R-23961/Division Case No. 25166.**

- **Matter to be heard: Status Conference**

- e. Case No. 25695: Application by American Energy Resources for a de novo hearing on Division Order No. R-23989//Division Case No. 25496**

- **Matter to be heard: Status Conference**

- f. Case No. 25696: Application by American Energy Resources for a de novo hearing on Division Order No. R-23977/Division Case No. 25495.**

- **Matter to be heard: Status Conference**

Action: Cases 25694, 25695, and 25696 called as consolidated cases. Jonathan Samaniego appeared, pro se, on behalf of American Energy Resources. Darin Savage appeared on behalf of Alpha Energy Partners, and Paula Vance appeared on behalf of Sarvis Permian Land Fund, Sarvis Rockmount Permian Land Fund and Permian Resources Operating, LLC (these parties are just observing).

Oral arguments were delivered on pending motions, with examination by commissioners.

The Commission will deliberate in closed session and provide a decision at a later date.

Commissioner Bloom moved for the Commission to go into closed session to deliberate Case Nos. 25700, 25694-25696. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the

motion. Roll call was taken and the Commission unanimously voted in favor of closed session deliberations.

10:13 a.m. The Commission went into closed session.

11:02 a.m. The Commission returned to open session. Chair Chang attested that the only matters discussed while in closed session were those mentioned in the motion to go into closed session, which was deliberations on the four pending matters: Case Nos. 25700, 25694, 25695 and 25696.

Item 5: Pending OCC Litigation

Action: None.

Item 6: Other Business

Action: Oil Conservation Commission's 2026 Open Meetings Act Resolution was approved and adopted.

Dates for the January meeting were discussed. If the Commission will be deliberating the WELC rulemaking, the hearing will be set for January 14-16. If not, the hearing will take place on January 15, 2026 as scheduled.

11:06 a.m. Meeting was adjourned.



Albert Chang

Albert Chang, Commission Chairman