

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
December 17, 2021**

The Oil Conservation Commission meeting was held via Webex Meeting Platform.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adrienne Sandoval	Chair, Oil Conservation Division
Greg Bloom	Designee, State Land Office Commissioner
Terry Warnell	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Felicia Orth, Hearing Examiner
Christopher Moander, Commission Counsel
Florene Davidson, Commission Clerk

The hearing was called to order by Chair Sandoval at approximately 9:05 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call

Action: Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda

Action: Commissioner Bloom made a motion to adopt the agenda and Commissioner Warnell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried.

Item 3. Approval of the December 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Action: Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the December 9, 2021 minutes and Commissioner Warnell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried.

Item 4. Approval of the 2022 Open Meetings Resolution

Action: Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the 2022 Open Meetings Resolution and Commissioner Warnell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Item 5. Discussion and potential vote on February 22, 2022 Agenda continuances

Action: The Commission held a discussion on moving the February 10, 2022 regularly scheduled hearing to Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Commissioner Bloom made a motion to move the regularly scheduled hearing from February 10, 2022 to February 22, 2022. Commissioner Warnell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Item 6. Case 22225: Application of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division, for Proposed Amendments to the Oil Conservation Commission's Rule on Natural Gas Gathering Systems, 19.15.28 NMAC

Action: Felicia Orth, the Hearing Officer appointed for the hearing of this case, conducted the hearing of Case 22225. She said that the notice of this hearing provided for the taking of public comments in this case until noon on December 17. She advised that no requests for public comments have been received. Mr. Moander advised that deliberations in the case cannot begin before noon when the comment period ends.

Appearances were made by Eric Ames for the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) and Michael Feldewert for the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. Mr. Ames made an opening statement. His witness was Jim Bolander, a Registered Reservoir Engineer and Petroleum Engineer. He described the proposed changes to the rule and why the OCD believes the changes are necessary. He was excused.

Hearing Officer Orth asked for public comments and there were none. There were also no written comments received prior to noon. Chair Sandoval proposed reconvening the hearing at noon to begin deliberations. The hearing platform was left open in case anyone who wished to comment appeared.

The hearing was reconvened at 12:03 p.m.

Hearing Officer Orth asked for comments and there was no response. The record was closed in Case 22225 and deliberations were begun. The Commission agreed to accept the proposed amendments to Section 19.15.28. Commissioner Bloom made a motion to adopt the changes to Section 19.15.28, and Commissioner Warnell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried and the Commission adopted the changes. Counsel Moander advised that he would prepare the appropriate documents to be presented at the January 13, 2022 regular meeting.

Item 7. Pending litigation.

Action: Counsel Moander advised that there was no new pending litigation.

Item 8. Other business.

Action: There was no other business.

Item 9: Next meeting – January 13, 2022
February 10, 2022 meeting changed to February 22, 2022

Item 10: Adjournment

Chair Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.



Adrienne Sandoval
Commission Chair