

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 16-17, 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:

Joseph Thompson	Designee, New Mexico State Land Office [designee for Case No. 25371, only]
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:

- **a. 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: Continuation of Deliberations.**

Action: Commissioner Thompson made a motion to go into closed session to continue deliberations. Chair Chang seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and Commissioners Thompson and Chang unanimously voted in favor of going into closed session. Commissioners went into closed session at 9:04 a.m.

1:32 p.m. the Commission returned from closed session. Chair Chang attested that only the matters discussed were those contained in the motion to go into closed session.

Chair Chang announced that the Commission completed deliberations and had reached a reasonably thorough decision, and that the vote on the order was unanimous.

Commissioner Thompson moved for the approval of the Commission's *Order Granting Permian's (Read & Stevens) Applications and Denying Coterra's (Cimarex) Applications*. Commissioner Chang seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the Commissioners voted unanimously for approval of the order.

Chair Chang announced the Commission's decision in favor of Permian and the denial of Coterra's application in Case Numbers 23448-23455 and 23594-23601. All other pending motions are denied.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

b. Consolidated Cases of Goodnight Midstream/Empire New Mexico.

- **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: Pending Motions**

Dana Hardy and Corey Wehmeyer appeared on behalf of Empire New Mexico. Adam Rankin and Paul Vance appeared on behalf of Goodnight Midstream.

Miguel Suazo appeared on behalf of Pilot Water. Chris Moander appeared on behalf of the Oil Conservation Division. Matt Beck appeared on behalf of Rice Operating and Permian Line Service.

Dana Hardy presented initial oral argument, and Corey Wehmeyer presented the final oral argument on behalf of Empire New Mexico.

Chair Chang queried Empire counsel as to Empire's argument on its motion for rehearing, as he did not hear much argument on it. Wehmeyer responded. Chair Chang had further questions regarding the *Derek v. Standard Nutrition* case. Mr. Wehmeyer responded.

Adam Rankin delivered oral argument on behalf of Goodnight Midstream.

Chris Moander delivered oral argument on behalf of the Oil Conservation Division.

Matt Beck delivered oral argument on behalf of Rice and Permian Line.

Miguel Suazo delivered oral argument on behalf of Pilot Water Solutions.

Commissioner Ampomah had follow-up questions for the parties.

Commissioner Ampomah moved to go into executive session for deliberations. Commissioner Lamkin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously approved by all commissioners.

Commission adjourned to closed session at 3:19 p.m. and recessed for the evening at 5:30 p.m. Notice was provided to the parties via email and to the public via notice published on the OCC website that the closed session deliberations would continue on Friday October 17th at 3:00 p.m. and that the Commission hoped to return to open session around 3:45 p.m.

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3:00 p.m. The Commission resumed deliberations in closed session. Commissioners Albert Chang, William Ampomah, and Baylen Lamkin were all present. Also present was Commission Counsel Zachary Shandler.

4:12 p.m. The commission returned to open session. Chair Chang and Commission Counsel Shandler appeared in person, and Commissioners Ampomah and Lamkin appeared remote on the Teams platform. Chair Chang attested that the only the matters discussed were those contained in the motion to go into closed session.

Commissioner Ampomah moved to approve the order partially granting Goodnight's motion for rehearing; denying Empire's motion for rehearing; granting Goodnight's motion for stay; and holding Empire's motion to enforce in abeyance. Commissioner Lamkin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the Commission unanimously voted in favor of the motion. Copies of the Commission order were distributed to the parties.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ampomah and second by Commissioner Lamkin, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



Albert Chang

Albert Chang, Commission Chairman