

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
June 3, 2022

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adrienne Sandoval	Chair, Oil Conservation Division
Greg Bloom	Designee, New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner
William Ampomah	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christopher Moander, Commission Counsel
Florene Davidson, Commission Clerk

The hearing was called to order by Chair Sandoval at approximately 9:04 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 Ampomah seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried.

Item 3. Approval of the May 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Action: Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the May 12, 2022 minutes and Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried.

Item 4. Case No. 22719: Application of the Oil Conservation Division to Amend Rules 19.15.2 and 19.15.7 NMAC. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) proposes to amend 19.15.2 and 19.15.7 NMAC to make changes concerning procedural matters including the electronic submission of documents.

Action: Felicia Orth was appointed Hearing Officer in this case and conducted the hearing of the case. Appearances were made by Jesse Tremaine for the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) and Michael Feldewert for the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA).

Ms. Orth called for oral public comments and there were none. Mr. Tremaine made an opening statement explaining that the proposed rule changes are procedural. Mr. Feldewert made an opening statement explaining the proposed modifications to the rules that NMOGA is requesting.

Mr. Tremaine's first witness was William Brancard, Chief of OCD's Engineering Bureau. He provided an overview of the proposed changes and explained the purpose of the case is procedural to update OCD's rules regarding electronic filing.

The next witness was Brandon Powell, Engineering Bureau Chief with the OCD. He described the proposed process of online filing of all applications and documents to be submitted in a hearing case.

Mr. Brancard and Mr. Powell were cross-examined by Mr. Feldewert, Commissioner Bloom, Commissioner Ampomah, Counsel Moander, and Chair Sandoval and were excused.

Ms. Orth made the final call for oral public comments, and there was no response.

The evidentiary record of Case 22719 was closed at 12:04 p.m.

The Commission deliberated on Case 22719 in open session. The Commissioners discussed each of the proposed changes and agreed to accept the changes as presented at this hearing. After deliberation, Commissioner Bloom made individual motions to accept each change to Rules 19.15.2 and 19.15.7 NMAC and Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motions. Roll call votes were taken. The motions carried. An order will be drafted and reviewed at the Commission's regularly scheduled hearing on July 14, 2022.

Item 5. Pending legislation

Action: Counsel Moander advised that he is still awaiting a ruling from the Court of Appeals in Case A-1-CA-39578.

Item 6. Other business

Action: There was no other business.

Item 7. Next meeting

Action: The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2022.

Item 8: Adjournment

Action: Chair Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.



Adrienne Sandoval
Chair