

N.C. Oil and Gas Commission

Minutes of the Tuesday, 07 May 2024 Meeting*

The meeting of the Oil and Gas Commission took place at 1:00 P.M. on 07 May 2024 in the Ground Floor Hearing Room of the Archdale Bldg. at 512 N. Salisbury St. in Raleigh, hosted by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Attendance of the meeting was also available via Webex videoconferencing service.

00:00:37 – **Chair James C. Lister** opened the meeting with a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

00:01:45 – Chair Lister read the Elections and Ethics Enforcement Act to the Commission and asked for concerns of potential conflict. None were given.

00:02:30 – Chair Lister conducted a roll-call attendance. **NCGS Senior Geologist, Jim Chapman** conducted a roll-call vote. **Commissioner Rebecca Wyhof Salmon** (remote), Chair Lister (remote), **Commissioner John Droz, Jr.** (remote), **Commissioner Karen A. Howard** (remote), **Commissioner J. Cody Edwards** (remote), **Vice-Chair John Lucey** (absent), **Commissioner John D. White II** (absent), **Commissioner Stanford D. Baird** (remote), and **Commissioner Dr. William Vizuete** (remote). Seven of nine members of the Commission were present, and a quorum was declared.

00:04:13 – Chair Lister asked for additions or revisions to the meeting’s draft agenda. No revision or addition suggestions were given.

00:4:33 – Chair Lister moved the Commission to approval of the first quarter 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Salmon made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Droz. Jim Chapman conducted a roll-call vote. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

00:06:08 – Chair Lister moved the Commission discussion to the single action item: the presentation from **DEQ Rulemaking Coordinator, Jennifer Everett** regarding the proposed schedule for moving the 05C rules (rules pertaining to geophysical exploration) forward to the Rules Review Commission (RRC). Important proposed dates: staff to complete draft rule amendments (*28 June 2024*); Rules Review Committee (Oil and Gas Commission) review of draft amendments (*early July 2024*); Rules Review Committee to hold meeting to discuss draft rule amendments (*late July 2024*); DEQ staff to develop fiscal analysis and have the State Office of Budget and Management (OSBM) approval (*July – September 2024*); Rules Review Committee review of draft fiscal analysis (*early October 2024*); Rules Review Committee to hold meeting to discuss fiscal analysis (*late October 2024*); Oil and Gas Commission approve the draft rules and fiscal analysis to proceed to public comment (*4th quarter Oil and Gas Commission meeting*); rules filed for publication in the North Carolina Register (*21 November 2024*); 60-day public comment period (*16 December 2024*); earliest hearing date (*on or after 31 December 2024*); end of public comment period (*14 February 2025*); staff to develop Hearing Officer’s Report (HOR) (*21 February – 28 March 2025*); Rules Review Committee to review draft HOR (*31 March – 18 April 2025*); Rules Review Committee to hold meeting to discuss the HOR (*end of April 2025*); and Oil and Gas Commission approve the fiscal analysis and adopt the rules (*3rd quarter 2025 Oil and Gas Commission meeting*).

*These minutes remain in draft form until approved by the Commission.

00:51:37 – Commissioner Droz made a motion to approve the 05C re-adoption schedule, and Commissioner Howard seconded the motion. Jim Chapman conducted a roll-call vote. The motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

00:53:44 – Chair Lister asked if there have been any oil or gas inquiries to the NCGS since the previous Commission meeting. Jim Chapman said that there had not, but offered that one new landman had been added to the Landman Registry.

00:54:46 – Chair Lister reminded the Commission that the 3rd quarter meeting is 6 August 2024.

00:54:50 – Chair Lister adjourned the meeting.

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