

N.C. Oil and Gas Commission

Minutes of the Wednesday, 06 November 2024 Meeting*

The meeting of the Oil and Gas Commission took place at 1:00 P.M. on 06 November 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 video-conferencing service.

Chair John Lucey opened the meeting with a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Lucey read the Elections and Ethics Enforcement Act to the Commission and asked for concerns of potential conflict. None were given.

Staff conducted a roll-call attendance. DEQ staff conducted a roll-call vote. **Commissioner Rebecca Wyhof Salmon** (remote), Chair Lucey (remote), **Commissioner John Droz, Jr.** (remote), **Commissioner J. Cody Edwards** (remote), **Vice-Chair James C. Lister** (remote), **Commissioner John D. White II** (remote), **Commissioner Stanford D. Baird** (remote), and **Commissioner Dr. William Vizuete** (remote). **Commissioner Karen A. Howard** was absent. Eight of nine members of the Commission were present, and a quorum was declared.

Chair Lucey asked for revisions or additions to the Agenda from the Commission. No revisions or additions were brought forward.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to acknowledging the forthcoming retirement of **State Geologist Dr. Kenneth B. Taylor**. The Commission wished to formally express appreciation for his years of service to the North Carolina Oil and Gas Commission, including the preceding Mining and Energy Commission.

Chair Lucey moved the meeting to approving the 3rd quarter Commission meeting minutes from August. Commissioner Salmon made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Droz. After a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner White wished to note that a WebEx link for the meeting connection was missing from the draft agenda.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to sending the Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) to public comment. **DOJ Assistant Attorney General Sarah Zambon** highlighted the next steps in the procedure, including deadline goals. Commissioner White made a motion to send the RIA to public comment, seconded by Commissioner Salmon. After a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to the 2024 Oil and Gas Commission Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy. Staff iterated the internal deadline of 2 December 2024 for internal review from the Governor's office and DEQ leadership. The deadline for final submission to the Joint Legislative Committee is 1 January 2025.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to the selection of Commission meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year. The call for a motion for a vote for the proposed dates was made by Commissioner Salmon,

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seconded by Commissioner Vizquete. After a roll-call vote, the meeting schedule was unanimously passed.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to the proposed date of 7 January 2025 for a public hearing for the 05C ruleset resubmission proposal, with a start time of 6:00 p.m. (ET). Commissioner Vizquete volunteered to act as the Hearing Officer for the hearing. A motion to approve the proposed time and date of the public hearing was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Salmon. After a roll-call vote, the public hearing proposed time and date was unanimously passed.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to inquiries made to the North Carolina Geological Survey concerning oil or gas exploration interest. **NCGS Senior Geologist Jim Chapman** reported that there had not been any inquiries since the last Commission meeting.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to public comments. Hearing none, concluding remarks from the Commissioners were asked for. No closing comments were offered.

Chair Lucey adjourned the meeting.

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