

**Minutes
Of the
Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State
of Colorado Environmental Commission**

J&R Administrative Building-EPD Large Conference Room
71 Mike Frost Way
Ignacio, Colorado
October 29, 2025

The meeting of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Nathan Strong Elk, Cheryl Frost, Beth Santistevan, Rebecca Austin, Dr. Peter McCormick, and Rolfe Spiegel.

Others Present:

Danny Powers, Division Head; Matt Wampler, AQ Program Manager; Andrew Switzer, AQ Program Manager; Jacob Stokes, AQ Scientist I; Angelina Miller, AQ Scientist II; Rowan Kinney, AQ Scientist II; Reyes Shendo, AQ Scientist I; Patricia Pena, Air Quality Specialist; Mark Lamoreaux, AQ Scientist II.

Virgil Frazier, Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist; Leslie Jacoby, Environmental Specialist LPC; Mitch Morris, EHS Specialist; Matthew Zabka, RWPC Senior EHS Specialist; Samantha Gomez, Senior Staff Engineer; Duane Bixler, VP Logos; Sam Maynes, Bradford, Shippis & Sheftel, LLP; Brennah Wilson, SUIT Legal Department; Ethan Hinkley, Air Quality Compliance Manager; Ember Michel, Red Willow Production Company.

Call in Participants:

Alejandra Gaytan-Tellez, ENV NM; Alex Campbell, Enduring Resources; Alex Sanchez, ENV NM; Amy Voit, Ensolum; Andrew Price, Abundance energy; Armando Paz, ENV NM; Bushra Kiani, ENV NM; Darren Rowley, Abundance energy; Diana Aranda, ENV NM; Hunter L Dorn, Xcel Energy; Ingrid Sullivan, TXO Partners; Jacob Franchini, Pineland Energy Company; Jennifer Nygren, Harvest Midstream; Jeremy Bean, SUIT SUSS; Jessica Ferko, CDPHE; Julie Best, Mach Energy; Ken Distler, Kinder Morgan; Kerry Egan, Energy Transfer; Leah Martland, CDPHE; Lynda Laumbach, Ensolum;

Mark Hutson, SUIT EPD; Mike Hanson, Catamount Energy Partners; Mitch Killough, Hilcorp; Patrick Cummins, CDPHE; Roger Armstrong, Twin Stars Compression; Samantha Avarello, TXO Partners; Steve Kahn, Ensolum; Sushila Khadka, ENV NM; Theodore Risberg, Republic Services; Tim Friesenhahn, Enduring Resources; Travis Whitham, Enduring Resources;

At this time there was a round of introductions from all who were present. Commissioner Santistevan and Commissioner Frost had an opportunity to further introduce themselves, their past experiences, and their interest in the Environmental Commission.

New Business

Appoint New Commission Chair (*Action Item*)

- Commissioner Spiegel motion Commissioner Frost seconded
- Commissioner Santistevan nominated Commissioner Strong Elk. Commissioner Frost seconded.
- Commissioner Strong Elk accepted

Review and Approve October 29, 2025 Agenda (*Action Item*)

- Chairperson Strong Elk entertained a motion to approve the October 29, 2025, agenda.
- Commissioner McCormick made the motion. Commissioner Austin second the motion.
- The motion passed (6) for, (0) against.

Review and Approve November 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes (*Action Item*)

- Chairperson Strong Elk entertained a motion to approve the November 20, 2024 meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Austin made the motion. Commissioner McCormick second the motion.
- The motion passed (6) for, (0) against.

Air Quality Division Updates

- Ambient Monitoring Program updates given by Andrew Switzer, Program Manager
- Title V and Minor Source Permitting updates given by Mark Lamoreaux, AQ Scientist
- Title V and Minor Source Compliance updates given by Jacob Stokes, AQ Scientist
- Title V Enforcement updates given by Danny Powers, Division Head
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant updates given by Angelina Miller, AQ Scientist
- Emissions Inventory summary given by Angelina Miller, AQ Scientist
- New Source Performance Standards rule updates given by Danny Powers, Division Head

Incorporation of OOOOb into the RAC (*Action Item*)

- Commissioner Frost voiced concerns around Tribe taking on responsibilities of the federal government while also voicing her support for the incorporation of OOOOb for Tribal sovereignty. Daniel Powers responded with how enforcement would work and where civil penalty money goes to the Southern Ute Tribe. Commissioner Frost highlights reporting to EPA as main concern.
- Chairperson Strong Elk voiced concerns around money funding and Daniel Powers responded with reassurance with funding from CPRG.

- Commissioner McCormick moves for approval and Commissioner Frost seconds (6) for (0) against.

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) Updates

- Patrick Cummins with CDPHE introduced his staff Leah Martland and Jessica Ferko.
- Leah Martland with CDPHE, APCD, Planning and Policy Program presented State updates.

Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment

- Chairperson Strong Elk expressed gratitude to EPD for planting native plants on Pine River Trail

Schedule Next Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission joint meeting will be on May 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The finalized meeting date will be advertised and posted on the Commission webpage at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/.

- Chairperson Strong Elk called for a motion to adjourn.
- The motion was made by Commissioner Spiegel and seconded by Commissioner Austin.
- Motion passed (6) for (0) against.

The meeting of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission adjourned at 2:59 p.m.