

Name: OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CRS: 34-60-104 (2)(a)
Expiration:
No Members: 7
Term: 4 Yr
Department: Natural Resources
Senate
Confirmation:
Senate Codes:
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Compensation: \$50 and expenses

Description:

The Commission consists of 9 members; 7 members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate and 2 ex officio voting members. At least two members shall be from West of the Continental Divide, and, to the extent possible, the other members shall be appointed taking into account the need for geographical representation of other areas of the state with high levels of oil and gas activity or employment. The 7 members appointed by the Governor, with Senate consent are:

- Three members must be individuals with substantial experience in the oil and gas industry, and at least two of the three must have a college degree in petroleum geology or petroleum engineering;
- One member must be a local government official;
- One member must have formal training or substantial experience in environmental or wildlife protection;
- One member must have formal training or substantial experience in soil conservation or reclamation; and
- One member must be actively engaged in agricultural production and also be a royalty owner.

No more than four appointed members of the commission shall be members of the same political party.

The ex officio voting members are:

- The Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources; and
- The Executive Director of the Department of Public Health and Environment.

The mission of the commission is to promote the responsible development of Colorado's oil and gas natural resources including: the efficient exploration and production of oil and gas resources; the prevention of waste; and the protection of the public health, safety and welfare, the environment, and mineral owners' correlative rights.