



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MARCH 14, 2022 MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED APRIL 11, 2022**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a regular meeting, Monday, March 14, 2022, 6 p.m., in the Boards and Commissions Room 1101 at Austin City Hall.

Commission Chair, Craig Nazor, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., conducted a roll call of those in attendance and confirmed a quorum of nine commissioners. He introduced newly appointed Commissioner Kristen Hassen, appointed by Council Member Paige Ellis, District 8.

Two commissioners attended the meeting in person, Commissioners Nazor and Smagula. Seven commissioners participated via virtual teleconferencing, including Commissioners Mitchell, Jarl, Norton, Clinton, Herrera, Dulzaides, and Hassen.

Commission Members Absent: Palmer Neuhaus, Dr. Nancy Nemer, Edward Flores (Monica Frenden and Dr. Jon Brandes resigned)

Staff in Attendance: Animal Services Office: Don Bland, Jason Garza, Belinda Hare; Sarah

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Virtual:

Pat Valls-Trellis, Budget working group

In Person:

Dr. Ellen Jefferson, Correction, apology regarding misrepresentation
Amber Rowland, Data and euthanasia rate

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarl moved to approve the minutes from the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting, March 14, 2022. Commissioner Norton seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 9 to 0, with all Commissioners in attendance voting approval: Nazor, Smagula, Norton, Jarl, Dulzaides Mitchell, Hassen, Herrera and Clinton.

2. BRIEFINGS

- a. Austin Animal Center and Animal Services Reports
- b. COVID Update

3. OLD BUSINESS: Update, Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Monthly Reporting of Data
No action.
- b. Working Group on Off-Leash Dogs
No action.
- c. Working Group on How to Increase Microchipping in the City of Austin
No action.
- d. Austin Pets Alive!'s Future at the Town Lake Animal Center and the Maintenance of No Kill
No action.
- e. Transferring Austin Animal Center Animals to Other Communities
No action.

4. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Austin Animal Center Satellite Adoption Centers
No action.
- b. Animal Services Budget
Commissioner Smagula proposed a working group to look at Austin Animal Center's budget; Commissioner Norton seconded the motion. The proposal failed by a vote of six to 0 with Commissioners Jarl and Hassen abstaining. Commissioner Clinton exited the meeting and did not vote.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners agreed to retain agenda items under Old Business, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, and 3e. Commissioner Norton asked about election of officers.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair Nazor adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:34 p.m.