



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Monday, September 11, 2023
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a regular meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St., Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair Ryan Clinton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum of 10 commissioners. Chair Clinton and Commissioners Lotta Smagula, Dr Paige Nilson, Whiney Holt, Sarah Huddleston, Luis Herrera, Ann Linder attended in person. Commissioners Kristen Hassen, Nancy Nemer and Beatriz Dulzaides attended virtually. Vice Chair Larry Tucker, Commissioners Lauren Loney and Dr Amanda Bruce were absent.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Rochelle Vickery -General comments
Claudia Hollern- Item #4
Pat Valls Trelles -Item #3 and Item # 4
Robert Corbin -General comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Chair Clinton asked for three corrections to the August 14, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Linder moved to approve the corrected minutes from the September 11 meeting, and Commissioner Herrera seconded the motion which passed 8 to 2, with Commissioners Smagula, Holt, Huddleston, Herrera, Linder, Hassen, Nemer, and Dulzaides voting in favor. Chair Clinton and Commissioner Dr. Paige Nilson voted against. Vice Chair Larry Tucker, Commissioners Loney and Dr Bruce were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. **Overview of monthly reports provided by Animal Service Office Staff.**
Don Bland, Chief Animal Services Officer, and Deputy Chief Jason Garza presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Third Party Presentation on Austin Animal Center Data and Reporting provided by Commissioner Kristen Hassen.
No action.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

4. Commissioners agreed to move forward Agenda Item 5 under Discussion Item to the October meeting. Discussion on changes to the City Code to implement a Finder to Foster Program within Animal Service and to include the creation of a working group on finder to foster.

Commissioners also agreed to move forward Discussion Item 3 with corrected wording.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Clinton adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:06 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the October 9, 2023, meeting on Commissioner Linder's motion and Commissioner Herrera's second on an 8-2 vote.