



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2024**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on June 10, 2024, at 301 W. 2nd St in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Clinton called the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Ryan Clinton, Chair, Travis County  
Ann Linder, Vice Chair, D3  
Amanda Bruce, D10  
Laura Hoke, Mayor's Appointee  
Sarah Huddleston, D9  
Paige Nilson, D4  
Lotta Smagula, D1  
Larry Tucker, D7

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

Beatriz Dulzaides, D2  
Luis Herrera, D6  
Whitney Holt, D5

**Commissioners Absent:**

Nancy Nemer, Parliamentarian, Travis County

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**Samantha Haywood – AAC Stray Intake**

**Rochelle Vickery – Trap-Neuter-Return**

**Lyndsey Gauthier – Experience & Exposure Suggestion**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on May 13, 2024.

**The minutes from the meeting of May 13, 2024, were approved on Commissioner Nilson's motion, Commissioner Huddleston's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioners Bruce and Dulzaides were off the dais. Commissioner Nemer was absent.**

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing regarding monthly reports provided by the Animal Service Center.  
**The presentation was made by Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager, Don Bland, Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services, and Jason Garza, Deputy Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services.**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**A discussion item related to Animal Services strategic planning was requested by Chair Clinton and Vice Chair Linder.**

**A staff briefing on animals/pets at cooling centers was requested by Commissioner Smagula and Vice Chair Linder.**

**A recommendation to Council on animals at cooling centers was requested by Commissioners Smagula and Linder.**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. was made by Vice Chair Linder, seconded by Commissioner Nilson, and accepted without objection.**

**The minutes were approved at the July 8, 2024, meeting on Vice Chair Linder's motion, Commissioner Smagula's second on an 8-0 vote. Chair Clinton, Commissioners Bruce, Holt, and Tucker were absent.**