



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on December 9, 2024, at 301 W. 2nd St in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Clinton called the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Ryan Clinton, Chair, Travis County  
Beatriz Dulzaides, D2  
Luis Herrera, D6  
Lotta Smagula, D1  
Larry Tucker, D7

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

Ann Linder, Vice Chair, D3  
Whitney Holt, D5  
Laura Hoke, Mayor's Appointee  
Sarah Huddleston, D9

**Commissioners Absent:**

Dr. Amanda Bruce, D10  
Nancy Nemer, Travis County  
Dr. Paige Nilson, D4

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**Deborah Ro – TNR in the community**

**Laura Nesmith – TNR in the community**

**Wendy Weiss - TNR in the community**

**Jacobi Alvarez – TNR in the community**

**Rochelle Vickery – TNR in the community**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on October 14, 2024.

**The motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 14, 2024, was approved on Commissioner Tucker’s motion, Commissioner Herrera’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Bruce, Nemer, and Nilson were absent.**

## **STAFF BRIEFING**

2. Staff briefing regarding monthly reports provided by the Animal Service Center.  
**The presentation was made by Don Bland, Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Discussion of the Animal Services strategic plan and planning process.  
**A presentation was made by Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager, Susana Carbajal, Assistant City Manager, Audrey Muntz, Budget and Performance Manager, Financial Services Department, and Dr. Larry Schooler, Consultant.**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**None.**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. was approved on Commissioner Dulzaides’ motion, Commissioner Tucker’s second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Bruce, Nemer, and Nilson were absent.**

**The minutes were approved at the XX, meeting on Commissioner XX’s motion, Commissioner XX’s second on a X-X vote.**