ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2025

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on April 14, 2025, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Clinton called the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Ryan Clinton, Chair, Travis County
Ann Linder, Vice Chair, D3
Erin Ferguson, D8
Luis Herrera, D6
Dr. Paige Nilson, D4
Jo Anne Norton, D7

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Beatriz Dulzaides, D2
Laura Hoke, Mayor's Appointee
Nancy Nemer, Travis County
Whitney Holt, D5

Commissioners Absent:
Sarah Huddleston, D9

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Julie Oliver – Dog water and cleaning process at AAC

Rochelle Vickery – Dog and cat rescue

Pat Valls-Trelles – Speaker rules and working group updates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on March 10, 2025.
   The motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 10, 2025, was approved on Commissioner Nilson's motion, Vice Chair Linder's second, on an 8-0 vote. Chair Clinton abstained. Commissioner Hoke was off the dais. Commissioner Huddleston was absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding monthly reports provided by the Animal Services Office.
   The presentation was made by Jason Garza, Deputy Chief Animal Services Officer.

   Commissioner Herrera and Chair Clinton asked for the distribution of the data and final report regarding Good Fix.

3. Staff briefing regarding the implementation of new shelter software at the Animal Services Office.
   The presentation was made by Jason Garza, Deputy Chief Animal Services Officer.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Presentation by Austin Pets Alive! regarding license agreement reports.
   The presentation was made by Stephanie Bilbro, Austin Pets Alive! Director of Operations.

5. Discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget including a review of budget requests made by the Animal Services Office and the process for Fiscal Year 2026 budget development.
   Discussed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Conduct officer elections for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Parliamentarian.
   The motion to approve Commissioner Nilson as Chair failed on Commissioner Norton's motion, Commissioner Nilson's second, on a 5-5 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Ferguson, Holt, Herrera, Nilson, and Norton. Those voting nay were: Chair Clinton, Vice Chair Linder, Commissioners Dulzaides, Hoke, and Nemer. Commissioner Huddleston was absent.

   The motion to approve Commissioner Clinton as Chair failed on Vice Chair Linder's motion, Chair Clinton's second, on a 5-5 vote. Those voting aye were: Chair Clinton, Vice Chair Linder, Commissioners Dulzaides, Hoke, and Nemer. Those voting nay were:

Commissioners Ferguson, Holt, Herrera, Nilson, and Norton. Commissioner Huddleston was absent.

The motion to approve Commissioner Linder as Vice Chair was approved on Commissioner Nilson's motion, Commissioner Holt's second, on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Huddleston was absent.

The motion to approve Commissioner Nemer as Parliamentarian failed on Commissioner Dulzaides' motion, Commissioner Nemer's second, on a 3-7 vote. Those voting aye were: Chair Clinton, Commissioners Dulzaides and Nemer. Those voting nay were: Vice Chair Linder, Commissioners Ferguson, Herrera, Holt, Hoke, Nilson, and Norton. Commissioner Huddleston was absent.

The motion to approve Commissioner Norton as Parliamentarian was approved on Commissioner Nilson's motion, Commissioner Norton's second, on a 7-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Vice Chair Linder, Commissioners Ferguson, Herrera, Holt, Hoke, Nilson, and Norton. Those voting nay were: Chair Clinton, Commissioners Dulzaides and Nemer. Commissioner Huddleston was absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update from the Good Fix Marketing Working Group

Update from the Community Cats Processing Working Group

Update from the Long Distance Adoption Working Group

Update on the implementation of the ASO Strategic Plan

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. was approved on Commissioner Dulzaides' motion, Vice Chair Linder's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Huddleston was absent.

The minutes were approved at the July 14, 2025, meeting on Commissioner Holt's motion, Commissioner Loignon's second on a 9-0 vote. Vice Chair Linder and Commissioners Nemer were absent.