Animal Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday, August 11, 2025

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025, at Austin City Hall, 301 W 2nd St, Room 1101 in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Clinton called the Animal Advisory Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Ryan Clinton, Travis County
Erin Ferguson, D8
Whitney Holt, D5
David Loignon, D10
Dr. Paige Nilson, D4

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Ann Linder, Vice Chair, D3
Koby Ahmed, Mayor
Beatriz Dulzaides, D2
Sarah Huddleston, D9
Nancy Nemer, Travis County
Jo Anne Norton, Parliamentarian, D7

Commissioners Absent:

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Heather Meyer - AAC Operations Comments

Rochelle Vickery - Cat Trapping and Shelter Needs

Shelly Leibham - Restore emergency vet funding

Julie Oliver - AAC Operations Comments

Max Oliver - Restore emergency vet funding

Suzie Chase - Austin Pets Alive! Update

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on July 14, 2025.
   The motion to approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on July 14, 2025 was approved on Commissioner Nilson's motion, Commissioner Holt's second on an 11-0 vote.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

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

3. Staff briefing on Close Out Report on Goodfix Spay and Neuter Clinics and current Spay and Neuter count provided by Jason Garza, Deputy Chief Animal Services Officer and Rolando Fernandez, Interim Chief Animal Services Officer, Animal Services Office.
   The presentation was made by Jason Garza, Deputy Chief Animal Services Officer, Animal Services Office and Rolando Fernandez, Interim Chief Animal Services Officer, Animal Services Office.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Discussion of the Bond Election priorities as it relates to the delivery of animal services.
   Discussed.

5. Discussion of heart worm testing and monthly preventative for animals at the Austin Animal Center.
   Discussed.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Good Fix Working Group recommendation regarding animal welfare policies and marketing priorities.
   Item taken up with Item 7.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding animal welfare policies and marketing priorities.
   The motion to approve a Recommendation to Council was approved as amended by Commissioner Clinton to insert "and the Travis County Commissioner's Court" after

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"the Animal Advisory Commission encourages the Austin City Council" was approved as amended on Commissioner Nilson's motion, Commissioner Loignon's second on an 11-0 vote.

8. Conduct officer election for Chair.
The motion to approve Commissioner Nilson as Chair passed on Commissioner Norton's motion, Commissioner Holt's second on a 7-4 vote.
Those voting aye were: Commissioners Ahmed, Ferguson, Nilson, Norton, Holt, Huddleston, and Linder. Those voting nay: were Commissioners Clinton, Dulzaides, Loignon, and Nemer.

The motion to approve Commissioner Dulzaides as Chair failed on Commissioner Clinton's motion, Commissioner Holt's second on a 4-7 vote.
Those voting aye were: Commissioners Clinton, Dulzaides, Loignan, and Nemer. Those voting nay were: Commissioners Ahmed, Ferguson, Nilson, Norton, Holt, Huddleston, and Linder.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Approval of the Annual Internal Review Draft

Commissioner Clinton adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. without objection.

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