Animal Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday, September 8, 2025

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025, at Austin City Hall, 301 W 2nd St, Room 1101 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Nilson called the Animal Advisory Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Dr. Paige Nilson, *Chair*, D4
Erin Ferguson, D8
Jo Anne Norton, *Parliamentarian,* D7

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Ann Linder, *Vice Chair*, D3
Koby Ahmed, Mayor
Ryan Clinton, Travis County
Whitney Holt, D5
David Loignon, D10
Nancy Nemer, Travis County

Commissioners Absent:
Beatriz Dulzaides, D2
Sarah Huddleston, D9

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Julie Oliver – Safety failure at AAC

Rochelle Vickery – Behavioral support for dogs at AAC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on August 11, 2025.
   The motion to approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on August 11, 2025, was approved on Commissioner Norton's motion, Commissioner Ferguson's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Dulzaides and Huddleston were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

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

3. Staff briefing on Updated Process for Euthanasia Notification provided by Rebekha Montie, Program Manager II, Jason Garza, Deputy Chief Animal Services Officer, and Rolando Fernandez, Interim Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services.
   The presentation was made by Rebekha Montie, Program Manager II, Austin Animal Services, Jason Garza, Deputy Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services, and Rolando Fernandez, Interim Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Update on the implementation of the prohibition of the purchase of and usage of all glue traps at City-owned and/or City-managed facilities based on the Animal Advisory Commission's Recommendation 20241014-007.
   Discussed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve the Animal Advisory Commission Annual Internal Review.
   The motion to approve the Animal Advisory Commission Annual Internal Review as amended below was approved on Commissioner Norton's motion, Commissioner Ferguson's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Dulzaides and Huddleston were absent.

   The amendment was to insert "from the public" to the sixth bullet point of the 1st question, to insert "many of" to the second question.

6. Approve an update to the membership of the Strategic Plan Working Group.
   The motion to add community members Shelly Leibham and Pat Valls-Trelles to the Strategic Plan Working Group was approved on Vice Chair Linder's motion, Commissioner Norton's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Dulzaides and Huddleston were absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update on the use of formaldehyde used in surgery

Update from staff on budget cuts for emergency clinic contract and the loss of an orthopedic surgeon

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Discussion and creation of a Working Group for advocacy for Large Breed Dog policies for renters

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. was approved on Vice Chair Linder's motion, Commissioner Norton's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Dulzaides and Huddleston were absent.

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