Animal Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday, November 10, 2025

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025, at Austin City Hall, 301 W 2nd St, Room 1101 in Austin, Texas.

Parliamentarian Norton called the Animal Advisory Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Dr. Paige Nilson, *Chair*, D4
Jennifer Daniel, D6
Erin Ferguson, D8
David Loignon, D10
Jo Anne Norton, *Parliamentarian*, D7

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Ann Linder, *Vice Chair*, D3
Beatriz Dulzaides, D2
Whitney Holt, D5

Commissioners Absent:
Koby Ahmed, Mayor
Ryan Clinton, Travis County
Sarah Huddleston, D9
Nancy Nemer, Travis County

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Suzie Chase – Recap of Austin Animal Welfare Town Hall

Pat Valls-Trelles – No Response

Edith Grisel Rios – Dog Finder Resource Struggles

Robin Katz Gonzalez – AAS Shelter Direction

Rochelle Vickery – Cat release at Airport

Kristyn Williams – Budget and Community Cats

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on October 13, 2025.
   The motion to approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on October 13, 2025, was approved on Parliamentarian Norton's motion, Commissioner Holt's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Ahmed, Clinton, Huddelston, and Nemer were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

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

4. Staff briefing on the implementation status of Shelter buddy. Presentation by Rolando Fernandez, Interim Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services.
   The presentation was made by Mary Brown, Program Manager, Austin Animal Services, Melissa Pool, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Austin Animal Services, and Rolando Fernandez, Interim Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services.

5. Staff briefing on the Strategic Plan Dashboard. Presentation by Juany Torres, Strategic Plan Project Manager, Austin Animal Services.
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Update on the recruitment process for the Austin Animal Services Director. Presentation by Rodney Crain, Senior Consultant, MGT.
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WORKING GROUP UPDATE

7. Update from the Strategic Plan Working Group regarding October 2025 meetings and implementation of the strategic plan to prioritize the top 15 strategic goals.
   Update provided by Commissioner Ferguson.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Approve a change to the scope of work and membership of the Renter's Policies Working Group.

   The motion to approve the scope of the Renter's Policies Working Group to the Pet Friendly Housing Working Group and adding members Commissioner Holt, Commissioner Loignon, Julie Oliver, Juany Torres, Susie Smart and Kate McArdel was approved on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Ahmed, Clinton, Dulzaides, Huddelston, and Nemer were absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. was approved on Commissioner Daniel's motion, Vice Chair Linder's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Ahmed, Clinton, Dulzaides, Huddleston, and Nemer were absent.

The minutes from the meeting of November 10, 2025, were approved during the December 8, 2025, regular meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission on Commissioner Norton's motion, Commissioner Dulzaides' second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Clinton abstained. Commissioner Holt was off the dais. Commissioner Loignon was absent.