



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room 301 W 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Maron called the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Jules Maron, *Chair*, D3
Jo Anne Norton, *Vice Chair*, D7
Jennifer Daniel, *Parliamentarian*, D6
Beatriz Dulzaides, D2
Sonal Patel, Travis County

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Erin Ferguson, D8
Whitney Holt, D5
Sarah Huddleston, D9
David Loignon, D10
Dr. Paige Nilson, D4
Erin Van Landingham, D1

Commissioners Absent:

Nancy Nemer, Travis County

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Robyn Katz – State of Animals
Rosa Garcia – Bite Instance Process, Release Major Lilly
Paul Fillar- AAS Budget
Matt Caballero- SBI Reform
Heather Myers – SBI reporting Metric Measures
Julie Oliver – Access to round the clock access
Shelly Leibham – Numbers vs Animal Welfare
Chas Jacquier – AAS Reporting / Public Access to Information
Mia Sewell – Open intake process

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on August 10, 2026. **The minutes of the August 10, 2026 regular meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission were approved as amended during the September 14, 2026 regular meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission on Vice Chair Norton's motion, Commissioner Nilson's second on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Nemer was absent.**

The amendments by Chair Maron were to add Virus to the end of Feline Leukemia and to revise all instances of "Texas Health and Safety Chapter 8-23" to "Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823". The amendments were approved on the motion of Vice Chair Norton, Parliamentarian Daniel's second on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Nemer was absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding monthly reports and dog breed labeling. Presentation by Monica Dangler, Director, Austin Animal Services and Jason Garza, Assistant Director, Austin Animal Services.
Presentation given by Monica Dangler, Director, Austin Animal Services and Jason Garza, Assistant Director, Austin Animal Services.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Approve the creation of a working group exploring compliance with the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823.
Withdrawn.
4. Approve the creation of a working group to study the impact of and write recommendations to Council regarding Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) combo testing.
The motion to approve the creation of a working group to study the impact of and write recommendations to Council regarding FeLV and FIV combo testing with members Vice Chair Norton, Parliamentarian Daniel, and Commissioner Nemer was approved on Vice Chair Norton's motion, Commissioner Dulzaides' second on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Nemer was absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Request a presentation from the City of Austin on the Travis County Interlocal Agreement
- Discussion on the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 822.003

The meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission was adjourned by Chair Maron at 8:10pm.

The motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2026, regular meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission was approved during the October 12, 2026 regular meeting on Commissioner Dulzaides' motion, Commissioner Loignon's second on an 8-0 vote.

Commissioner Nilson was off dais. Commissioners Huddleston, Nemer, and Van Landingham were absent.