



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2026**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room 301 W 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Nilson called the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Dr. Paige Nilson, *Chair*, D4
Jo Anne Norton, *Vice Chair*, D7
Jennifer Daniel, *Parliamentarian*, D6
David Loignon, D10
Jules Maron, D3

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Koby Ahmed, Mayor
Beatriz Dulzaides, D2
Erin Ferguson, D8
Whitney Holt, D5
Nancy Nemer, Travis County
Erin Van Landingham, D1

Commissioners Absent:

Sarah Huddleston, D9

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Rochelle Vickery – Support Good Fix

Rebecca Arizmendi – No Kill Initiatives

Shelly Leibham – Spay Neuter and Over Crowding

Suzie Chase – Kudos to Monica Dangler

Shawna Simpson – Obstructions to Pet Reunions

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on May 11, 2026.
The minutes of the June 8th, 2026 regular meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission as were approved during the July 13th 2026 meeting on Commissioner Dulzaides' motion, Commissioner Loignon's second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioners Ahmed and Nilson were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding monthly reports. 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.
3. Staff briefing regarding the Austin Animal Services Donation Fund. Presentation by Monica Dangler, Director, Austin Animal Services, Jason Garza, Assistant Director, Austin Animal Services, and Melissa Pool, Chief Administrative Officer, Austin Animal Services.
Presentation given by Monica Dangler, Director, Austin Animal Services; Jason Garza, Assistant Director, Austin Animal Services; and Melissa Pool, Chief Administrative Officer, Austin Animal Services.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Approve the election of Chair.
The motion to approve Commissioner Maron as chair of the Animal Advisory Commission was approved on Commissioner Loignon's motion, Commissioner Maron's second on an 8-0 vote. Chair Nilson, Vice Chair Norton, and Parliamentarian Daniel abstained. Commissioner Huddleston was absent.

The motion to approve Chair Nilson as chair of the Animal Advisory Commission failed on Vice Chair Norton's motion, Chair Nilson's second on a 3-2 vote. Chair Nilson, Vice Chair Norton, and Parliamentarian Daniel voted aye. Commissioners Nemer and Van Landingham voted nay. Commissioners Ahmed, Dulzaides, Ferguson, Holt, Loignon, and Maron abstained. Commissioner Huddleston were absent.
5. Update and Discussion from the Off Leash Dog Working Group regarding working group focus areas.
Update was given and discussion was held.
6. Approve the addition of members to the Off Leash Dog Working Group.
Withdrawn.

7. Approve the addition of members to the Foster Incentives Working Group.
The motion to approve the addition of Pat Valls-Trelles as a community member to the Foster Incentives Working Group was approved on Commissioner Holt's motion, Commissioner Loignon's second on an 11-0 vote.
8. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding breed labeling policies in shelters.
The motion to approve a Recommendation to Council regarding breed labeling policies in shelters was approved on Commissioner Holt's motion, Commissioner Loignon's second on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Huddleston was absent.
9. Approve the Annual Internal Review Report for Animal Advisory Commission.
This item was postponed until the next Animal Advisory Commission meeting with no objection.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion of New World Screwworm crisis
- Creation of Working Group on compliance with Texas Health and Safety Chapter 8-23
- Discussion regarding bylaws regarding No Kill Committee
- Presentation from Austin Animal Services comparing numbers from July 4, 2025 to July 4, 2026, on runaway pets.

The meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission was adjourned on Vice Chair Norton's motion, Parliamentarian Daniel's second at 8:09 pm without objection.

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