ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2026

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 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 6:01 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Jules Maron, *Chair,* D3
Jennifer Daniel, *Parliamentarian,* D6
David Loignon, D10
Dr. Paige Nilson, D4
Sonal Patel, Travis County

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Beatriz Dulzaides, D2
Erin Ferguson, D8
Whitney Holt, D5
Jo Anne Norton, D7

Commissioners Absent:
Sarah Huddleston, D9
Nancy Nemer, Travis County
Erin Van Landingham, D1

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

William Lehner – Shelter intake
Avery Koch- Welfare of dogs
Bryana Flemming – Funding for 3 full-time dog walkers
Vicky Pridgen – Kudos
Rebecca Gaddis – Care plan for dogs
Neha Shah – Concern about senior dogs
Julie Oliver – Concerns about zeros building
Shelly Leibham – Cat program
Matt Caballero- Providing basic medical care

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on September 14, 2026.
   The motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2026, regular meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission was approved during 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.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding monthly reports and the SBI process. Presentation by Monica Dangler, Director, Austin Animal Services and Jason Garza, Assistant Director, Austin Animal Services.
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3. Staff briefing from 311 regarding the 311-phone application. Briefing given by Jerry Galvan, Vice President of Customer Care Services, Austin Energy.
   This item was postponed until the next Animal Advisory Commission meeting by Chair Maron with no objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Presentation from Austin Pets Alive! regarding the quarterly reports. Presentation by Mara Hartsell, Quality of Care Director, Austin Pets Alive! and Rory Adams, Director of Strategic Customer Service, Austin Pets Alive!
   The presentation was made by Mara Hartsell, Quality of Care Director, Austin Pets Alive!

5. Assign a commissioner to the No Kill Committee.
   Chair Maron assigned Commissioner Nilson to the No Kill Committee.

6. Assign a Chair for the No Kill Committee.
   Chair Maron assigned Commissioner Dulzaides as the Chair of the No Kill Committee.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

7. Update from the Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) on recent meeting and recommendation progress.
   Update given by Commissioner Norton

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Approve the creation of a working group to review current foster onboarding materials.
   This item was postponed until the next meeting by Chair Maron with no objection.

9. Approve the 2027 Annual Schedule of the Animal Advisory Commission
   The motion to approve the 2027 Annual Meeting Schedule of the Animal Advisory Commission was approved on Commissioner Nilson's motion, Parliamentarian Daniel's

second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Huddleston, Nemer, and Van Landingham were absent.

10. Approve a recommendation to council to change the Austin 311 overnight operating hours and their impact on animal-related service requests.
Withdrawn.

11. Approve a recommendation to council regarding Emancipet registration and microchips.
Withdrawn.

12. Approve the election of Vice Chair.
The motion to approve Commissioner Patel as the Vice Chair of the Animal Advisory Commission fails on Commissioner Loignon's motion, Commissioner Patel's second on a 5-0 vote. Commissioners voting aye were Chair Maron and Commissioners Dulzaides, Holt, Loignon, and Patel. Commissioners Ferguson, Nilson, Norton, and Daniel abstained. Commissioners Huddleston, Nemer, and Van Landingham were absent.

The motion to approve Commissioner Nilson as Vice Chair of the Animal Advisory Commission fails on Commissioner Ferguson's motion, Commissioner Nilson's second on a 5-0 vote. Commissioners voting aye were Parliamentarian Daniel and Commissioners Ferguson, Holt, Nilson, and Norton. Chair Maron and Commissioners Dulzaides, Loignon, and Patel abstained. Commissioners Huddleston, Nemer, and Van Landingham were absent.

The motion to recall the votes for Commissioner Patel as Vice Chair of Animal Advisory Commission was approved on Commissioner Nilson's motion, Chair Maron's second on a 7-0 vote. Parliamentarian Daniel and Commissioner Norton abstained. Commissioners Huddleston, Nemer, and Van Landingham were absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Creation of a working group regarding SBI procedures**
- **Item 8**
- **311 presentations**
- **FIV and FeLV Recommendation to Council**
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The meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission was adjourned on Commissioner Nilson's motion, Commissioner Daniel's second with unanimous vote at 8:38pm.

The motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2026, regular meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission was approved during November 9, 2026, regular meeting on Parliamentarian Daniel's motion, Commissioner Nilson's second on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Patel and Commissioners Loignon, Nemer, and Van Landingham were absent.