REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
March 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Austin City Hall, Room 1101
301 West 2nd St
Austin, Texas 78701

Some members of the Animal Advisory Commission may be participating by videoconference. The meeting may be viewed online at: http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, contact Christi Vitela at christi.vitela@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-2792.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Ryan Clinton, Chair, Travis County
Nancy Nemer, Travis County
Lotta Smagula, D1
Beatriz Dulzaides, D2
Ann Linder, Vice Chair, D3
Dr. Paige Nilson, D4
Whitney Holt, D5
Luis Herrera, D6
Larry Tucker, D7
Sarah Huddleston, D9
Laura Hoke, Mayor

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Animal Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on February 10, 2025.

STAFF BRIEFING

2. Staff briefing regarding monthly reports provided by the Animal Service Center.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation and discussion regarding the development of bond technical criteria and the recent work of the Bond Election Advisory Task Force. Presentation by Jason Garza, Deputy Officer, Animal Services Office.
4. Overview of budget requests made by Animal Services Office and the process for Fiscal Year 2026 budget development.
5. Discussion of targets for the Animal Services Strategic Plan.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Discussion of long distance adoption support at Austin Animal Center and formation of a working group to research, support and encourage the shelter in increasing adoptions by utilizing long distance adoption models.
7. Discussion of Greater Good Charities, Good Fix support and formation of a working group to find ways to improve outcomes.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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