REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
October 13, 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 or in person, contact Nekaybaw Watson at nekaybaw.watson@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-2562.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Dr. Paige Nilson, *Chair*, D4
Koby Ahmed, Mayor
Ryan Clinton, Travis County
Beatriz Dulzaides, D2
Jennifer Daniel, D6
Erin Ferguson, D8
Ann Linder, *Vice Chair*, D3
Whitney Holt, D5
Sarah Huddleston, D9
David Loignon, D10
Nancy Nemer, Travis County
Jo Anne Norton, *Parliamentarian*, D7

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 September 8, 2025.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding monthly reports provided by Rolando Fernandez, Interim Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services.
3. Staff briefing on updates to safety protocols, programmatic needs, emergency veterinary services and orthopedic contracts by Rolando Fernandez, Interim Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services.
4. Staff briefing regarding Good Fix marketing strategies, outreach efforts, and spay/neuter backlogs by Rolando Fernandez, Interim Chief Animal Services Officer, Austin Animal Services.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Presentation by Austin Pets Alive! regarding license agreement reports.
6. Update on Bond Election Process to improve shelter operations.
7. Presentation regarding Staff's response to Council Resolution **20241121-073** related to Bird-Friendly design by Leslie Lilly, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Approve a Recommendation to Council related to Bird-Friendly design.
9. Approve the formation of a working group that advocates for renter's policies for large breed dog owners.
10. Approve the Animal Advisory Commission's 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule.
11. Approve an update to the membership of the Strategic Plan Working Group.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

12. Update from the Strategic Plan Working Group on the first group meeting and communications with shelter staff.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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