



El Paso Animal Services

MAYOR

Renard U. Johnson

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Minutes March 11, 2026

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Call to Order- Establish Quorum

A meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was held in person by Vice-Chair Tess Passero at 6:20 PM.

Board Members	Present	Absent
Laura Sánchez	X	
Silvia Serna		X
Sandra DiFrancesco		X
Celinda Crews	X	
Vacant		
Barbara Candelaria	X	
Mary Bardouche	X	
Elvira Stephanie Grossman	X	
Raquel Ellis	X	
Tess Passero	X	
Megan Sesker	X	
Chris Canales		X

Animal Services staff present: Michael Wachsmann, Maria Arciniega,

Richard Bristol, Mona Heydarian,

1. Approval of Minutes

Discussion and action on approval minutes for February 11, 2026.

Laura Sanchez motioned to approve the February 11, 2026 minutes; Mary Bardouche seconded; all members voted in favor; none opposed and motion passed unanimously

Discussion and action on approval minutes for February 19, 2026.

Michael Wachsmann- Interim Director
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Celinda Crews motioned to approve the February 19, 2026 minutes; Stephanie Goodwin seconded; all members voted in favor; none opposed and motion passed unanimously

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2. Reports of Officers, Staff and Subcommittees.

A. Chair Report

Tess Passero – Vice-Chair, mentioned the Spay-A-Thon happening this weekend. Also, provided the status of the Borderland Rescue Fund pet pantries.

The following members of ASAC commented:

- Laura Sanchez
- Tess Passero

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

B. El Paso Animal Services March update and statistics

Michael Wachsmann presented the February statistics. Report is attached.

The following members of ASAC commented:

- Barbara Candelaria
- Mary Bardouche
- Celinda Crews
- Megan Sesker
- Tess Passero

The following staff member commented:

- Michael Wachsmann

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

3. Regular Agenda

- Discussion on the development of a Community Pet Resource Alert Page under EPAS leadership with staff directed to develop guidelines and implementation plan. - Barbara Candelaria.

The following members of ASAC commented:

- Barbara Candelaria
- Tess Passero
- Raquel Ellis

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- Laura Sanchez
- Mary Bardouche

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The following staff member commented:

- Michael Wachsmann
- Mona Heydarian

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

4. Call to the Public

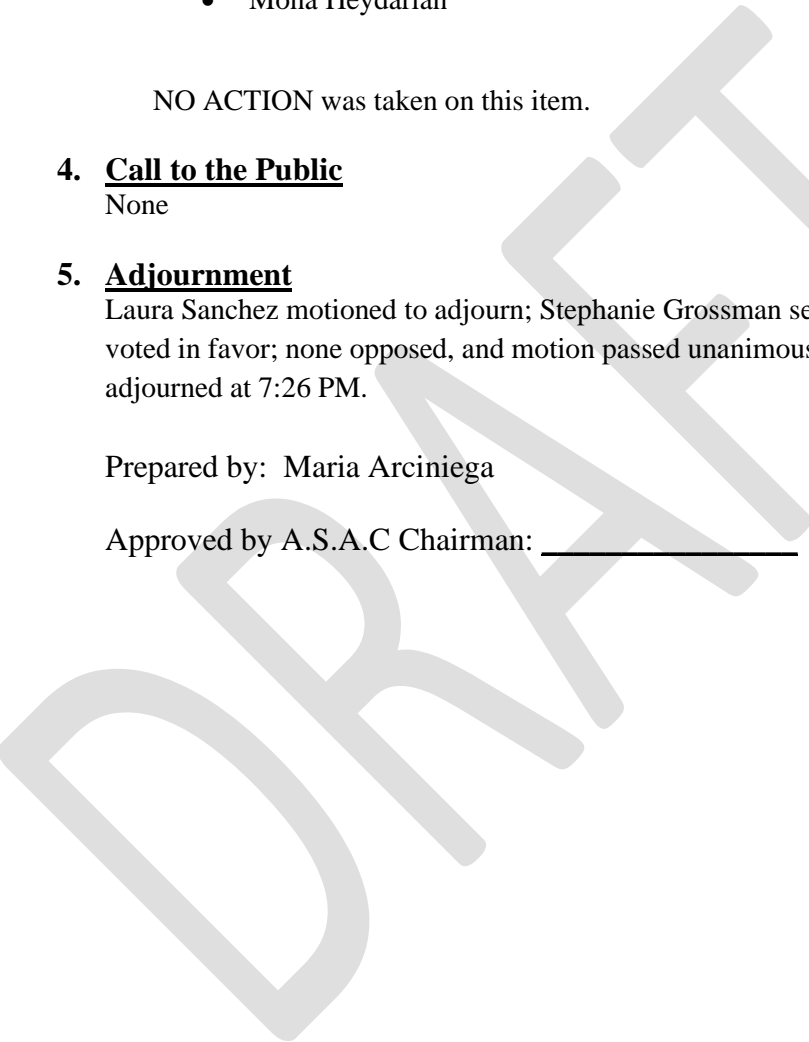
None

5. Adjournment

Laura Sanchez motioned to adjourn; Stephanie Grossman seconded, all members voted in favor; none opposed, and motion passed unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Prepared by: Maria Arciniega

Approved by A.S.A.C Chairman: _____



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