



El Paso Animal Services

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Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Minutes July 8, 2026

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Call to Order- Establish Quorum

A meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was held virtually by Chair Chris Canales at 6:18 PM.

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

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Dionne Mack

Animal Services staff present: Michael Wachsmann, Maria Arciniega,

Richard Bristol, Mona Heydarian,

1. Approval of Minutes

Discussion and action on approval minutes for June 13 2026.

Tess Passero motioned to approve the June 13 2026 minutes; Stephanie Grossman seconded; all members voted in favor; none opposed and motion passed unanimously

2. Reports of Officers, Staff and Subcommittees.

A. Chair Report

Michael Wachsmann- Interim Director
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Chris Canales – Chair, informed, and read the letter to request additional funding for spay and neuter services for the public in the City’s budget was delivered to City Council and City Council’s budget workshop. Additionally, the task by the committee to invite speakers to present: The El Paso County is anticipated to be able to present next meeting.

The following members of ASAC commented:

- Silvia Serna
- Barbara Candelaria
- Chris Canales

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

- B.** El Paso Animal Services July update and statistics Michael Wachsmann presented the June statistics.

The following members of ASAC commented:

- Chris Canales
- Barbara Candelaria
- Tess Passero
- Raquel Ellis
- Megan Sesker

The following staff member commented:

- Michael Wachsmann

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

3. Regular Agenda

Discussion and action on the preparation of the 2026 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Annual Report. -Chris Canales

- Tess Passero
- Barbara Candelaria
- Silvia Serna
- Mary Bardouche
- Sandy DiFrancesco
- Megan Sesker

The following staff member commented:

- Mona Heydarian

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Sandy DiFrancesco motioned to formulate the subcommittee in preparation for the 2026 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee annual report and for the subcommittee to approve the final report; Barbara Candelaria seconded.

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Subcommittee members stablished.

4. Call to the Public

None

5. Adjournment

Tess Passero motioned to adjourn; Stephanie seconded, all members voted in favor; none opposed, and motion passed unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Prepared by: Maria Arciniega

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

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