



AGENDA FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

June 10, 2026

**Thorman Conference Room City 3 Building, Basement Level 801 Texas Ave.
6:15 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee will be conducted on the above date and time.

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The following members of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee will be present:

Chris Canales, Barbara Candelaria, Sandra Difrancesco, Elvira Stephanie Grossman, Laura Sanchez, Celinda Crews, Mary Bardouche, Raquel Ellis, Silvia Serna, Tess Passero, and Megan Sesker.

A quorum of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee members must be present and participate in the meeting.

ROLL CALL

AGENDA

1. Discussion and action on approval of minutes for the April 8, 2026 meeting. [BC-2126](#)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STAFF, AND SUBCOMMITTEES

2. Chair Report - Chris Canales. [BC-2127](#)
3. El Paso Animal Services Director's Report: May updates and statistics - Michael Wachsmann, El Paso Animal Services Interim Director. [BC-2128](#)

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Discussion and action on the establishment of (1) procedures for inviting, and (2) a schedule for presentations on operational information (similar to the information currently presented by the City of El Paso Animal Services) regarding compliance with the requirements of Chapter 823, Texas Health and Safety Code and applicable state regulations, by animal shelters located within the City of El Paso, and when authorized by an Interlocal Agreement, the County of El Paso or other municipalities located within the County of El Paso. - Celinda Crews [BC-2129](#)
5. Discussion and action on a recommendation to the City Council that additional funding for free public spay/neuter programming be included in the City budget - Tess Passero [BC-2142](#)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

ADJOURN

Language interpreters will be provided for this meeting upon request. Requests must be made to Department of Animal Services at a minimum of 72 hours prior to the date and time of this meeting.

Please contact Maria Arciniega at asac@elpasotexas.gov or call (915) 212-8704.

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Discussion and action on approval of minutes for the April 8, 2026 meeting.



El Paso Animal Services

MAYOR

Renard U. Johnson

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Minutes April 8, 2026

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Call to Order- Establish Quorum

A meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was convened in person by Chair Chris Canales at 6:17 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	

CITY MANAGER

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 March 11, 2026.

Tess Passero moved to approve the March 11, 2026 minutes. Mary Bardouche seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Reports of Officers, Staff and Subcommittees.

A. Chair Report

Michael Wachsmann- Interim Director
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Chris Canales – Chair, provided an update on spay-a-thon and the appreciation kudos.

The following members of ASAC commented:

- Sandra DiFrancesco
- Tess Passero
- Raquel Ellis

The following staff member commented:

- Mona Heydarian

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

B. El Paso Animal Services April update and statistics

Michael Wachsmann presented the March statistics.

The following members of ASAC commented:

- Stephanie Grossman
- Celinda Crews
- Mary Bardouche
- Silvia Serna
- Tess Passero
- Sandra DiFrancesco
- Barbara Candelaria
- Chris Canales

The following staff member commented:

- Michael Wachsmann
- Mona Heydarian

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

3. Regular Agenda

NO ITEMS

4. Call to the Public

None

5. Adjournment

Michael Wachsmann- Interim Director
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Tess Passero moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Grossman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

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Prepared by: Maria Arciniega

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

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Chair Report - Chris Canales.



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El Paso Animal Services Director's Report: May updates and statistics - Michael Wachsmann, El Paso Animal Services Interim Director.



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Celinda Crews



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