



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	

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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 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

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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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