



AGENDA FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

**August 12, 2026
City 1, 2nd floor Main Conference room
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, Sandra DiFrancesco, Elvira Stephanie Grossman, Laura Sanchez, Celinda Crews, Mary Bardouche, Raquel Ellis, Silvia Serna, Tess Passero, Megan Sesker, Sarah Brown and Ron Comeau.

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 July 8, 2026 meeting. [BC-2354](#)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STAFF, AND SUBCOMMITTEES

2. Chair Report - Chris Canales. [BC-2355](#)
3. El Paso Animal Services Director's Report: July updates and statistics - Michael Wachsmann, El Paso Animal Services Interim Director. [BC-2356](#)

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Presentation by legal on ASAC duties- Mona Heydarian, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office [BC-2357](#)
5. Presentation of updates from the El Paso County Animal Welfare Department -Crystal Reyes, Director [BC-2358](#)

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 (915) 212-8704.

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



El Paso Animal Services

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Renard U. Johnson

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	

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 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

Michael Wachsmann- Interim Director
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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: _____

DRAFT

Michael Wachsmann- Interim Director
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Chair Report - Chris Canales.



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



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Presentation by legal on ASAC duties- Mona Heydarian, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office



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Presentation of updates from the El Paso County Animal Welfare Department -Crystal Reyes, Director