



El Paso Animal Services

MAYOR

Renard U. Johnson

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Minutes June 10, 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 6:43 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

Raquel Ellis retired from meeting at 7:48p.m.

Animal Services staff present: Michael Wachsmann, Maria Arciniega,

Richard Bristol, Mona Heydarian,

1. Approval of Minutes

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

Sandra DiFrancesco moved to approve the March 8, 2026 minutes. Tess Passero 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

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Chris Canales – Chair, explained on why last month the meeting was cancelled. Gave an update on the Pet Pantry, surpassing one-year and reached over 1 million meals distributed to the community.

The following members of ASAC commented:

- Celinda Crews
- Chris Canales

The following staff member commented:

- Maria Arciniega

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:

- Chris Canales
- Tess Passero
- Megan Sesker
- Sandra DiFrancesco
- Stephanie Grossman
- Laura Sanchez
- Celinda Crews
- Barbara Candelaria

The following staff member commented:

- Michael Wachsmann

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

3. Regular Agenda

- a. 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

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County of El Paso or other municipalities located within the County of El Paso.
- Celinda Crews

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The following members of ASAC commented:

- Chris Canales
- Celinda Crews

The following staff member commented:

- Michael Wachsmann

Celinda Crews moved to establish: (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 and to further more task Chair and vice chair with establishing these procedures and the calendar schedule for presentations. Silvia Serna seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b.** 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

The following members of ASAC commented:

- Chris Canales
- Tess Passero
- Barbara Candelaria
- Celinda Crews
- Silvia Serna

Tess Passero moved to approve the 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. Silvia Serna seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

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4. Call to the Public

None

5. Adjournment

Stephanie Grossman moved to adjourn the meeting. Tess Passero seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 08:03 PM.

Prepared by: Maria Arciniega

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

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