

# City of San Antonio



## Animal Care Services Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 17, 2022, 5:55 PM  
4710 State Hwy 151, San Antonio, Texas, 78227

### I. Call to Order:

Board Chair Braeutigam called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

### II. Roll Call:

**Present:** George Garcia (Dist. 3), Rita Braeutigam - Chair (Dist. 4), Karen Speer - Secretary (Dist. 5), Kathleen Davis (Dist. 6), Valerie Moore (Dist. 7), Katie Jarl (Dist. 8), Susan Beldon - Vice Chair (Dist. 9), Amin Tohmaz (Mayor)  
Ex-Officio Member: David McCary, Shannon Sims

**Absent:** Cynthia Cox (Dist. 1), Lorena Havill (Dist. 2), Sallie Scott (District 10)  
Ex-Officio Members: Dr. Marilyn Gotbeter

### III. Chair's Statement

### IV. Director's Report

ACS Director Shannon Sims discussed the Texas Unites Conference, the current struggle with live release numbers, and the importance of supporting residents with resources through the new CASA program. Sims announced the winner of the Brackenridge Clinic City contract is the Dallas-Fort Worth organization, Spay Neuter Network, as well as improvements and renovations being made to the Brackenridge Clinic facility.

Board Member Jarl asked if CASA was going to be collecting data on reasons for Owner Surrenders. CASA Manager, Kate Powell, confirmed.

A question was asked for the new location of PetShotz, which Sims provided as 3306 N. Saint Mary's; near the City's Brackenridge Clinic facility.

Board Member Speer asked if the Food Bank was the only pet pantry option available for residents. Sims responded that CASA has networked with multiple programs and organizations to provide food resources for citizen's pets, as well as the AniMeals program by Meals on Wheels which will provide food for both residents in need as well as their pets.

**V. Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of the minutes from the Animal Care Services Advisory Board meeting on September 21, 2022.
2. Approval of the ACS Advisory Board Statistical Reports for October 2022.
3. Approval of the ACS Advisory Board Contracts Performance Report.
4. Approval of the Animal Care Services Advisory Board FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Report
5. Approval of the ACS Advisory Board Facility Inspections.
6. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Facility Inspection Schedule.

Board Member Garcia pulled item number 5, Approval of the ACS Advisory Board Facility Inspections.

**Motion:** Katie Jarl moved to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Val Moore seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Ayes: Garcia, Braeutigam, Speer, Davis, Moore, Jarl,  
Beldon, Tohmaz

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cox, Havill, Scott

**Action:** **MOTION PASSED WITH 8 AYES, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN, AND 3 ABSENT.**

**VI. Items for Individual Consideration**

Item 5 of the Consent Agenda, ACS Advisory Board Facility Inspections, was pulled for individual discussion. Board Member Garcia discussed concerns about issues that are notated on inspections not being addressed.

**Motion:** Valerie Moore moved to approve the ACS Facility Inspections.  
Karen Speer seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Ayes: Garcia, Braeutigam, Speer, Davis, Moore, Jarl,  
Beldon, Tohmaz

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cox, Havill, Scott

**Action:** **MOTION PASSED WITH 8 AYES, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN, AND 3 ABSENT.**

Item 6 of the Consent Agenda, Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Facility Inspection Schedule, was pulled for discussion.

**Motion:** Kathy Davis moved to table the Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Facility Inspection Schedule and re-evaluate the revised schedule at the next Board meeting.  
Amin Tohmaz seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Ayes: Garcia, Braeutigam, Speer, Davis, Moore, Jarl, Beldon, Tohmaz

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cox, Havill, Scott

**Action:** **MOTION PASSED WITH 8 AYES, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN, AND 3 ABSENT.**

7. A Briefing on the Brackenridge Vet Clinic Contract.

Chief Operations Officer, Bethany Colonnese, presented an overview of the new partner organization, Spay Neuter Network, that won the City's bidding process for the award of the Brackenridge Clinic facility contract.

8. A Briefing on the Partner Focus Group.

Director Shannon Sims presented on the feedback received during Partner Focus Group, which was the final data gathering initiative of the new Strategic Plan development.

9. A Briefing on ACS' Legislative Priorities for the Next State Legislative Cycle

Director Shannon Sims presented on the timeline and priorities for the upcoming Texas Legislative Cycle.

**VII. Public Comment**

- a. Lynda Ramirez discussed mandatory spaying or neutering of reclaimed pets.
- b. Chrissy Campbell discussed the use of the Next Door app regarding stray and roaming pets, and owner responsibilities.
- c. Vicki Steerman discussed backyard breeding, enforcement, and making Advisory Board meeting materials available to the public.

- d. Frances Ely discussed utilizing the Petco Love [Lost] app, improving public awareness of ACS, and microchip registration process.
- e. Ktrynha Rangel discussed the euthanizing of animals for space. Rangel also recommended process improvements being needed for owner surrenders, medical documentation, and transports.
- f. Carol Gatzert discussed personal fostering experiences and recommended more incentives to foster.
- g. Jenna Loos discussed personal experience with microchips not being registered by ACS, issues with backyard breeding, and making resident resources available on other sides of town as well.
- h. Nadia Rivera discussed the increased need for fostering as well as suggested the creation of an ACS mobile app that would also have available resources listed in it.
- i. John Bachman discussed dead animal pickup, inconsistencies between the City's website and ACS' website, and how difficult it can be to find the documents on the City website. Bachman also discussed concerns about the new Brackenridge Clinic contract.

#### **VIII. Determination of Next Meeting Date**

The next ACS Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2023.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**APPROVED**

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Rita Braeutigam, Chair  
Animal Care Services Advisory Board  
City of San Antonio