

City of San Antonio
Animal Care Services Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 5:55 PM
4710 State Hwy 151, San Antonio, Texas

I. Call to Order:

Board Chair Braeutigam called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Present: Amin Tohmaz (Mayor), Lorena Havill (Dist. 2), George Garcia (Dist. 3), Rita Braeutigam -Chair (Dist. 4), Karen Speer-Secretary (Dist. 5), Kathleen Davis (Dist. 6), Katie Jarl (Dist. 8), Susan Beldon-Vice Chair (Dist. 9), Sallie Scott (District 10)
Ex-Officio Member: David McCary, Shannon Sims

Absent: Cynthia Cox (Dist. 1), Valerie Moore (Dist. 7)
Ex-Officio Members: Dr. Marilyn Gotbeter

III. Chair's Statement

IV. Director's Report

ACS Director Shannon Sims discussed meeting in person again, and increase in large seizures, ACS partnerships, the impact of increased evictions on intake and a status on ACS vacancies.

V. Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes from the Animal Care Services Advisory Board meeting on January 19, 2022.
2. Approval of ACS Advisory Board Statistical Reports for February 2022.
3. Approval of the ACS Advisory Board Contracts Performance Report through February 2022.
4. Approval of the ACS Advisory Board Facility Inspections.
5. Approval of the FY 2022 ACS Advisory Board Meeting Calendar.

Lorena Havill pulled item 3 Approval of the ACS Advisory Board Contracts Performance Report through February 2022 for individual consideration.

Susan Beldon pulled item 5 Approval of the FY 2022 ACS Advisory Board Meeting Calendar for individual consideration.

Motion: Kathy Davis moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Amin Tohmaz seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Tohmaz, Havill, Garcia, Braeutigam, Speer, Davis, Jarl, Beldon, Scott

Nays: None

Absent: Cox, Moore

Action: MOTION PASSED WITH 9 AYES, AND 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT.

VI. Items for Individual Consideration

* Cynthia Cox (District 1), Valerie Moore (District 7), and Dr. Marilyn Gotbeter arrived

3. Approval of the ACS Advisory Board Contracts Performance Report through February 2022.

The Board discussed the performance and statistics on rescue agencies.

Motion: Kathy Davis moved to approve the ACS Advisory Board Contracts Performance Report through February 2022.

Valerie Moored seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Tohmaz, Cox, Havill, Garcia, Braeutigam, Speer, Davis, Jarl, Moore, Beldon, Scott

Nays: None

Absent: None

Action: MOTION PASSED WITH 11 AYES, AND 0 NAY, 0 ABSENT.

5. Approval of the FY 2022 ACS Advisory Board Meeting Calendar.

The Board discussed the date of the Advisory Board Retreat.

Motion: Kathy Davis moved to approve the ACS Advisory Board Meeting Calendar and instead of the July 16, 2022 meeting hold an Advisory Board retreat on August 12, 2022.

Valerie Moored seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Tohmaz, Cox, Havill, Garcia, Braeutigam, Speer, Davis, Jarl, Moore, Beldon, Scott

Nays: None

Absent: None

Action: MOTION PASSED WITH 11 AYES, AND 0 NAY, 0 ABSENT.

6. Briefing on ACS Strategic Plan Update

ACS Director Shannon Sims briefed the Board on the Strategic Planning process. The Board discussed expectations.

7. Briefing on FY 2022 Improvements Update.

ACS Assistant Director and Chief Operations Officer Bethany Colonnese brief the Board on the third shift of ACOs, Case Management Program/CASA, and Adoptions Assistance Program. The Board gave comments in support of the new programs.

8. Briefing on Urgent List Report Update.

Chief Operations Officer Bethany Colonnese briefed the Board on the new Urgent List Report. The Board discussed the importance of the Urgent List provided to the community.

VII. Public Comments

Vicki Steerman of District 7, 8615 Braun Hall provided public comment on overpopulation of animals and her support for more backing from City leadership for Animal Care Services.

Lynda Ramirez of District 1, 311 Delaware Street turned her time over to Vicki Steerman.

Jen Brown of District 1, 133 Lotus Avenue provided public comment on treatment of animals. She voiced support for Animal Care Services obtaining drones to view pet conditions in backyards.

John Bachman provided public comment advocating for more spay/neuter surgeries.

I. Determination of Next Meeting Date

The next ACS Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

II. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVED

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

