

City of Sacramento  
**Animal Wellbeing Commission Report**  
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**File ID:** 2026-00018

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**Approval of Animal Wellbeing Commission Meeting Minutes**

File ID: 2026-00018

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Pass a **Motion** approving Animal Wellbeing Commission Meeting Minutes dated April 15, 2026.

**Contact:** Haley Arata, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-5204, harata@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

**Presenter:** None

**Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

2-April 15, 2026, Animal Wellbeing Commission DRAFT Meeting Minutes

**Description/Analysis**

**Issue Detail:** It is best practice for the Animal Wellbeing Commission to approve the minutes for each meeting.

**Policy Considerations:** The City Clerk keeps a permanent record of the Animal Wellbeing Commission proceedings, showing all action considered and taken and the vote of each member on matters before the Commission.

**Economic Impacts:** None.

**Environmental Considerations:** None.

**Sustainability:** None.

**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** After each Animal Wellbeing Commission meeting, the City Clerk composes the DRAFT Minutes noting the action taken by the Commission. The attached DRAFT

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Minutes are presented to the Commission for its approval as a permanent record of the meeting's actions.

**Financial Considerations:** None.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** None.



## **DRAFT Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

**5:30 PM**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Complex, 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

### **Animal Wellbeing Commission**

***Jamie McDole, Chair***  
***Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Vice Chair***  
***Shannon Asquith***  
***Ignacio Barragan***  
***Denise Bell***  
***Kellee Benedict***

***Samantha Christie***  
***Kathleen Garcia***  
***Julia Hayes***  
***Leah Morris***  
***Noemi Phew***  
***Paula Treat***  
***Julie Virga***

**Open Session**

Regular meeting called to order by Chair Jamie McDole at 5:31 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chamber.

**Commissioners Present:** Shannon Asquith, Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), Denise Bell, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Kathleen Garcia, Julia Hayes, Leah Morris, Noemi Phew, Paula Treat, Julie Virga, and Chair Jamie McDole.

**Land Acknowledgement** – Led by Commissioner Kellee Benedict.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Commissioner Kellee Benedict.

**Consent Calendar**

**Action:** Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Bell / Commissioner Christie.

**Yes:** Commissioners Shannon Asquith, Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Denise Bell, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Kathleen Garcia, Julia Hayes, Leah Morris, Noemi Phew, Paula Treat, Julie Virga, and Chair Jamie McDole.

**Absent:** Commissioner Ignacio Barragan.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

**1. Approval of Animal Wellbeing Commission Meeting Minutes**

File ID: 2026-00017

**Location:** Citywide

**Action:** Passed a **Motion** approving Animal Wellbeing Commission Meeting Minutes dated March 11, 2026.

**Contact:** Haley Arata, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-5204, harata@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

**2. Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log**

File ID: 2026-00194

**Location:** Citywide

**Action:** Passed a **Motion** adopting the Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log as developed by proposals and discussion from the commission.

**Contact:** Ryan Hinderman, Communications and Customer Service Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

**3. Dissolution of the Dog Adoption Rate Study Ad Hoc Committee**

File ID: 2026-00843

**Location:** Citywide

**Action:** Passed a **Motion** dissolving the Dog Adoption Rate Ad Hoc Committee.

**Contact:** Jacob Bredberg, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-6846, jbredberg@cityofsacramento.org; Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk, (916) 808-5441, mcuppy@cityofsacramento.org; Office of the City Clerk

**Discussion Calendar****4. Amending Sacramento City Code Section 9.44.370 Relating to Number of Swine, Dogs, and Cats per Dwelling Unit**

File ID: 2026-00508

**Location:** Citywide**Action:** Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Barragan / Commissioner Morris.**Yes:** Commissioners Shannon Asquith, Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Denise Bell, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Kathleen Garcia, Julia Hayes, Leah Morris, Noemi Phew, Paula Treat, Julie Virga, and Chair Jamie McDole.

Members of the public provided comments.

Reviewed and passed a **Motion** to forward the amended ordinance to City Council for approval with recommendations as discussed.**Contact:** Ryan Hinderman, Communications and Customer Service Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

**5. Initiate a Pilot Program to Promote Adoption or Rescue of Senior Animals and Animals at Risk of Euthanasia**

File ID: 2026-00805

**Location:** Citywide

**Action:** Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Hayes / Commissioner Benedict.

**Yes:** Commissioners Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Kellee Benedict, Julia Hayes, Noemi Phew, Paula Treat, Julie Virga, and Chair Jamie McDole.

**No:** Commissioners Shannon Asquith, Samantha Christie, and Leah Morris.

**Abstain:** Commissioners Denise Bell and Kathleen Garcia.

Members of the public provided comments.

1) Passed a **Motion** to forward a recommendation to the Personnel and Public Employees Committee for City staff to initiate a pilot program to support policy goals related to the promotion of at risk and senior animals, to include such items as kennel cards, kennel marketing, identification board in the lobby of the Front Street Animal Shelter, and social media, posting and digital notification; 2) Discussed the program details of the “Final Plea” notification protocols.

**Contact:** Ryan Hinderman, Communications and Customer Service Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

**6. Animal Care Services Monthly Report**

File ID: 2026-00733

**Location:** Citywide

**Action:** Reviewed and commented.

**Contact:** Ryan Hinderman, Communications and Customer Service Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

**Action:** Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Virga / Commissioner Asquith.

**Yes:** Commissioners Shannon Asquith, Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Julia Hayes, Noemi Phew, Paula Treat, Julie Virga, and Chair Jamie McDole.

**No:** Commissioner Denise Bell.

**Abstain:** Commissioners Kathleen Garcia and Leah Morris.

Pursuant to Council Rules of Procedure, Chapter 8 (D)(6) passed a **Motion** to extend the meeting past 2 hours.

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### **Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions**

Commissioners provided comments.

### **Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda**

Commissioners provided comments.

**Adjourned** - 8:08 p.m.

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