



Meeting Minutes

Animal Care Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

12:30 PM Animal Care Facility Conference Room, 2626 Holly Rd.

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Roland Dominguez at 12:30pm.

B. Roll Call

Roll was called, and a quorum was confirmed.
Roland Dominguez (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Robert Perkins
Diana Cardenas
Kylie Long
Dr. Karin Christopher

C. Public Comment

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

Approval of Absences

Approval of Absences from February 18th.
Diana Cardenas- stated she was ill.
Dr. Robert Perkins- stated he forgot about the meeting.
Motion to approve, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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Adoption of Minutes- Regular Meeting February 18, 2026

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes February 2026](#)

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Cardenas motioned to approve. Dr. Perkins seconded the motion and was passed

unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

F. Staff Reports

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Directors Report

Director Kathleen Chapa introduced the new committee member Dr. Karin Christiopter. Dr. Christopher shared her personal and professional background and experience. After meeting with ACS leadership and discussing the topics and services offered by ACS, she expressed being intrigued and excited to share her knowledge and assist in any way she can. Kathleen then updated the Advisory Committee on staffing initiatives, ongoing community and partner engagement, and positive developments at ACS.

Regarding staffing, ACS currently has twelve vacancies and the Animal Care Officer and Community Engagement & communication Manager positions are posted until filled. Chapa emphasized that ACS is actively engaged in recruiting to fill vacant positions and is seeking qualified candidates.

Regarding ongoing community and partner engagement, ACS continues to expand our volunteer, rescue, and foster groups by enhancing customer service, outreach and educational initiatives. Doggy Day Out had a total of 20 outings in February, involving 13 different dogs. This more than doubled January's 9 outings. There were a total of 85 hours of onsite volunteer work, nearly doubling January's 47 hours.

Regarding the recent positive developments at ACS, we are presently hosting an adoption event titled 'Luck of the Paw' from March 16th through March 21st, which offers adoptions at the cost of \$17. Within the first two days of the event, we successfully facilitated six adoptions.

Dr. Christopher inquired about our average adoption rate, and Martinez clarified that ACS has around 25 adoptions weekly. During events, these numbers increase.

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Monthly Shelter Clinic Report

Assistant Director Cynthia Martinez presented the board with the Shelter Activity report of February 2026.

Dr. Perkins asked what the court-ordered designation meant. Martinez stated that when a judge legally declares a dog dangerous—typically after a serious attack—the dog is humanely euthanized.

Dominguez also inquired about distemper cases. Martinez described the symptoms of distemper and outlined how ACS monitors distemper cases.

Dominguez inquired about the zoonosis report and Martinez advised the updated report is not available but would hopefully be available soon.

G. Unfinished Business

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

I. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 1:06pm