

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS*

**KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

Kern County Administrative Building
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
3rd Floor, Multipurpose Room
March 19th, 2024 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.
Commissioners Present:

Mr. Blackburn – Chairperson
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner

Commissioners Excused:

Ms. Geary - Vice Chairperson
Ms. Lopez - Commissioner
Mr. Parlier – Supervisor

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services
Jennifer Feige- Deputy County Counsel, Kern County
Amber Chrissakis - Volunteer, Kern County Animal Services

[item was made by the first Commissioner named and seconded by the second Commissioner named.]

B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. March 19th, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - *(Christopher/Taggart)* - All in favor

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

These agenda items before the Animal Services Commission (Commission) may be acted upon with one motion if no member of the Commission or audience wishes to comment or ask questions.

1. CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION - Receive and file

- A. Email received 2/22/2025 from Alison Butler advising that she has licensed her pet.
- B. Email received 2/25/2025 from Pat Von Ronn regarding a social media post that has upset her.
- C. Email received 3/4/2025 from Ramona Serna requesting a bill be reissued that she misplaced.
- D. Email received 3/5/2025 from Selma Gazali requesting that her neighbors black cats be taken and tested for rabies.

Motion to receive and file - (*Taggart/Christopher*) - All in favor

D. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. Also, the Commission may act to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES.**

Heard from Joan Peyton concerning fundraising for the second emergency trailer.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos concerning consent agenda item C.1.D.

E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file

Heard from Director Cullen concerning the department's current events and statistics from the Director's report. Director Cullen answers questions from the public regarding things discussed during this agenda item.

Heard from Supervisor Christopher who asked about vaccine clinics and about the volume spay/neuter surgeries.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn who commented on the statistics in the Director's report.

Motion to Receive and file (*Taggart/Christopher*) - All in favor

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Taggart who spoke about a Veterinary conference she recently attended.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher regarding her TNR activity.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

H. NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding frequency of meetings going forward.

Motion to continue this agenda item until next month's meeting. *(Christopher/Taggart)*

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn *(Taggart/Christopher)* – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

April 16th, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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