

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

X April 16th, 2025 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.
Commissioners Present:

Mr. Blackburn – Chairperson
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner
Ms. Geary - Vice Chairperson
Ms. Lopez - Commissioner

Commissioners Excused:

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, 2025 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - *(Geary/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 3/24/2025 from Aryanna Goodwin Vera requesting a meeting in regard to the Humane Society of Ventura County offering services to unincorporated Kern County residents.
- B. Email received 3/25/2025 from Kris Johnson asking Animal Services to stop her neighbors from allowing her cats to defecate in her yard.
- C. Email received 4/2/2025 from Elsa Kessler requesting a certificate of sterilization for an animal she had altered at a KCAS clinic.
- D. Email received 4/2/2025 from Nerwida Padin advising that she will be forwarding a video she'd seen on a social media to her Senator and the Sheriff's Department
- E. Email received 4/3/2025 from Vicki Ayala expressing her displeasure in regard to a social media post she'd seen that included a video taken in October of 2024.

Motion to receive and file - (Geary/Lopez) - 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 updating that the fundraising for the second emergency trailer is complete because the goal has been met.

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 Commissioner Blackburn who commented about the statistics in the Director's report.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Lopez regarding a recent trip to Mexico.

Heard from Commissioner Geary who spoke about a trip to Texas she took to do some work with CCADT.

Heard from Commissioner Taggart who spoke about raising chickens.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher regarding her TNR activity.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn who spoke about his daughter working in NYC animal welfare.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding frequency of meetings going forward.

Heard from each of the Commissioners who were in agreement to keep the meeting frequency every month.

I. ADJOURNMENT:


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

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

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

May 21st, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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