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City of Sacramento
Animal Wellbeing Commission

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
5:30 PM

Open Session

Regular meeting called to order by Vice Chair at 5:34 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chamber.

Commissioners Present: Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan (at 5:59 p.m.), Denise Bell, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Kathleen Garcia, Jamie McDole, Kristie Middleton, Noemi Phew, Julie Virga, and Vice Chair Leah Morris.

Commissioners Absent: Julia Hayes, Douglas Snell, Paula Treat.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Commissioner Bell.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Commissioner Bell.

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one Motion.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Garcia / Commissioner Bell.

Yes: Commissioners Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Denise Bell, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Kathleen Garcia, Jamie McDole, Kristie Middleton, Noemi Phew, Julie Virga, and Vice Chair Leah Morris.

Absent: Commissioners Ignacio Barragan, Julia Hayes, Douglas Snell, and Paula Treat.

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: 2025-01943

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving Animal Wellbeing Commission Meeting Minutes dated November 12, 2025.

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

Discussion Calendar

2. City of Sacramento Commission Rules and Procedures Overview

File ID: 2026-00398

Location: Citywide

Action: Received a presentation, asked questions, and commented.

Contact: Carsen W Van der Linden, Deputy City Attorney, (916) 808-5346, cvanderlinden@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Attorney

3. Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log

File ID: 2026-00191

Location: Citywide

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Garcia / Commissioner Barragan.

Yes: Commissioners Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Denise Bell, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Kathleen Garcia, Jamie McDole, Kristie Middleton, Noemi Phew, Julie Virga, and Vice Chair Leah Morris.

Absent: Commissioners Julia Hayes, Douglas Snell, and Paula Treat.

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

4. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2026

File ID: 2026-00261

Location: Citywide

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Bagley-Franzoia / Commissioner Benedict.

Yes: Commissioners Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Denise Bell, Kellee Benedict, Jamie McDole, Noemi Phew, and Julie Virga.

No: Commissioners Samantha Christie, Kathleen Garcia, Kristie Middleton.

Abstain: Vice Chair Leah Morris.

Absent: Commissioners Julia Hayes, Douglas Snell, and Paula Treat.

Passed a **Motion** selecting Jamie McDole as Chair for calendar year 2026.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Barragan / Commissioner Virga.

Yes: Commissioners Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Denise Bell, Kellee Benedict, Jamie McDole, Noemi Phew, and Julie Virga.

No: Commissioners Samantha Christie, Kathleen Garcia, Kristie Middleton.

Abstain: Vice Chair Leah Morris.

Absent: Commissioners Julia Hayes, Douglas Snell, and Paula Treat.

Passed a **Motion** selecting Hilary Bagley-Franzoia as Vice Chair for calendar year 2026.

Contact: Haley Arata, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-5204, harata@cityofsacramento.org; Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk, (916) 808-5442, mcuppy@cityofsacramento.org; Office of the City Clerk

5. **Animal Care Services Monthly Report**

File ID: 2026-00386

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: Vice Chair Morris / Commissioner Barragan.

Yes: Commissioners Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Denise Bell, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Kathleen Garcia, Jamie McDole, Kristie Middleton, Noemi Phew, Julie Virga, and Vice Chair Leah Morris.

Absent: Commissioners Julia Hayes, Douglas Snell, and Paula Treat.

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

6. **City of Sacramento Animal Wellbeing Commission 2026 Workplan**

File ID: 2026-00389

Location: Citywide

Members of the public provided public comments.

Action: Reviewed and commented.

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

Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions


Commissioners provided comments.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

Members of the public provided public comments.

Adjourned - 8:31 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of January 21, 2026, as approved by the Animal Wellbeing Commission.


[Cecelia Ventress \(Feb 19, 2026 11:38:35 PST\)](#)

02/19/2026

Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk