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**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**5:30PM**

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**City of Sacramento  
Animal Wellbeing Commission**

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:harata@cityofsacramento.org); Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk, (916) 808-5442, [mcuppy@cityofsacramento.org](mailto: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](mailto:rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org), Community Development Department

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**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.

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**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](mailto: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.

CVentress  
02/19/2026

Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk