

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time:	Wednesday, December 17, 2025 *4:30PM
Location:	Saginaw County Animal Care & Control 5615 Bay Road Saginaw, MI 48604
Council Members Present:	Kelli Scorsone, Carol Pickelmann, Laureen Lutenski, Sharon Maher, Tom McIntyre, Tracey Slodowski, Jonna Godley, Demetrios Scott
Council Members Absent:	Cynthia Winiecke, Dr. Bailey Mielke,
Others in Attendance:	Mary Catherine Hannah, Rachel Horton, Jack Tany, Jaime Ceja, Dolores Kellett

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Slodowski called the meeting to order at 4:30PM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member McIntyre made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 19, 2025. Member Pickelmann supported. Motion passed (8-0).

III. AGENDA

1. A moment of silence was held for Diane Neiderstadt, a volunteer that has passed.
2. Proposed Bylaw Changes

a. Location – Proposed change to ARTICLE III Section 3.1

Motion by Tom McIntyre, supported by Laureen Lutenski to amend to: All meetings of the Council shall be held at the Saginaw County Animal Care and Control Resource Center at 5615 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48604, the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00PM except by majority vote at a Council meeting, members may change the location of the meetings from time to time.

Roll Call Vote Yay – Carol Picklemann, Demetrios Scott, Jonna Godley, Kelli Scorsone, Laureen Lutenski, Tom McIntyre, Sharon Maher, Tracey Slodowski

Roll Call Vote Absent – Cynthia Winiecke, Dr. Bailey Mielke

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Frequency –Proposed change to ARTICLE III Section 3.4

Motion by Carol Picklemann, supported by Sharon Maher to amend to: Ten regular meetings in a twelve month yearly calendar of the council shall be held monthly January through December with the exception of July for the purpose of conducting the business posted on the agenda, and other business as Council member's request.

Roll Call Vote Yay – Carol Picklemann, Demetrios Scott, Jonna Godley, Kelli Scorsone, Laureen Lutenski, Tom McIntyre, Sharon Maher, Tracey Slodowski

Roll Call Vote Absent – Cynthia Winiecke, Dr. Bailey Mielke

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Number and Term – Proposed change to ARTICLE IV Section 4.1

Motion by Carol Picklemann, supported by Kelli Scorsone to amend to: The number of members shall be a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 11 but may from time to time be changed by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners. Members shall be appointed by the Chair of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners and shall hold office for a period of three years. After fulfilling a term, a member may be reappointed or replaced by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Roll Call Vote Yay – Carol Picklemann, Demetrios Scott, Jonna Godley, Kelli Scorsone, Laureen Lutenski, Tom McIntyre, Sharon Maher, Tracey Slodowski

Roll Call Vote Absent – Cynthia Winiecke, Dr. Bailey Mielke

Motion passed unanimously.

d. Neglect of Duties – Proposed change to ARTICLE IV Section 4.1

Motion by Jonna Godley, supported by Sharon Maher to amend to:

If any Council member has three unexcused absences from a regularly scheduled Council meetings in a calendar year, the Advisory Council Chairperson shall notify the County Board of Commissioners in writing of this fact and request that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners institute removal of membership.

Roll Call Vote Yay – Carol Picklemann, Demetrios Scott, Jonna Godley, Kelli Scorsone, Laureen Lutenski, Tom McIntyre, Sharon Maher, Tracey Slodowski

Roll Call Vote Absent – Cynthia Winiecke, Dr. Bailey Mielke

Motion passed unanimously.

e. Term of Office – Proposed change to ARTICLE V Section 5.2

Motion by Tom McIntyre, supported by Sharon Maher to amend to:

The officers shall be elected by the membership of the Council at the annual meeting of the Council. Each officer shall hold office until the next annual election of officers.

Roll Call Vote Yay – Carol Picklemann, Demetrios Scott, Jonna Godley, Kelli Scorsone, Laureen Lutenski, Tom McIntyre, Sharon Maher, Tracey Slodowski

Roll Call Vote Absent – Cynthia Winiecke, Dr. Bailey Mielke

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. DIRECTORS REPORT – RACHEL HORTON, DIRECTOR – SAGINAW COUNTY ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

- 1. Rescue Transfer** – Mary Catherine - There was a lot of misinformation on social media that is causing issues. When an animal goes to a foster home that we work with, the animal is still our legal responsibility both medically and behaviorally. When an animal is transferred there is paperwork executed that transfers the responsibility of the animal's care from the County of Saginaw to the transfer partner.
- 2. Empty the Shelters** – 24 dogs and 27 cats adopted.
- 3. Pets Choice Awards** – Share your adoption story and enter to win. Share on social media.
- 4. Adoption Events** – January 17th-27th and February 7th-21st.
- 5. New Business Hours** – M, T, TH, F 8-6 and Saturday 8-1.
- 6. Open Kennels** – Nov 3rd 27, Nov 10th 22, Nov 17th 21, Nov 24th consistently having 15-20 kennels open in the aisles. Intake is clogged up because of stray hold dates and medical pauses, and court cases but we are working to improve these processes.
- 7. Best Friends EMBED** – staff from Best Friends will be embedded into our operations and will help streamline processes intakes, pathways, shelter medicine and euthanasia.
- 8. MSU Spay/Neuter Support** – Contract with MSU to have vet students do low cost spay/neuter on site.

V. NEW ITEMS

1. Jack Tany – Director Horton should be attending municipality meetings and the police chiefs meetings regularly.
2. Chair Slodowski – Next meeting subcommittees will be on the agenda.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. NEXT MEETING

1. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 4:00PM. This meeting will be a potluck, fellowship meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

1. Member Maher made a motion to adjourn. Member Godley supported. The meeting adjourned at 5:19PM.