

**SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF
ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE
Meeting Minutes April 08, 2021**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Nina Irani; Jane Tobin; Michael Angelo Torres; Annemarie Fortier; Russell Tenofsky; Shari O'Neill, DVM, SF ACC

Absent: Brian Van Horn, DVM; Lisa Wayne, SF RPD; Joe Majeski, SFPD

2. General Public Comment:

- There were no comments provided by the public.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes from March 2021 Meeting

- Meeting minutes were approved.

4. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Reports

- A. Commissioner Torres provided an update on the scheduling of the Commission appointment hearing.
- B. Commissioner Tobin provided updates concerning companion animals in emergency shelter/housing, and future Commission presentations.

5. New Business

A. San Francisco's New Animal Shelter (Discussion Item)

- Virginia Donohue, Director of San Francisco Animal Care and Control, presented an introduction to the new animal shelter which opened in March 2021.
- Commissioners discussed veterinary and other operational changes that are happening now in the new shelter, custody animal accommodations, and the impact the change in location might have on existing partnerships.
- There was one comment provided by the public regarding noise abatement in the new shelter.

B. State Legislation Regarding Plant-Based Agriculture and Meals (Discussion/Action Item)

- Commissioner Irani presented a brief overview of AB 1289: Smart Climate Agriculture Program, and AB 558: Plant-Based School Lunches as part of a discussion concerning possible support for the legislation.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.
- Commissioners voted in favor of recommending that the San Francisco State Legislation Committee support both AB 558 and AB 1289.

6. Old Business

A. Reporting from SF Animal Care and Control (Discussion Item)

- SF ACC Chief Shelter Veterinarian O'Neill reported on current operations in the new shelter, a possible partnership with PetSmart, and provided an adoptions update.
- Commissioners discussed the shelter's timelines for opening to the public and allowing in-person volunteering, COVID-related building logistics, and SF ACC's past partnership with Petco.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.

7. Items to be put on Calendar for Future Commission Meetings

- A. On-going SF ACC reporting (Old Business)
- B. Recognition for Animal Allies (New Business)
- C. Commissioner Irani announced that any agenda items for the May 13th meeting should be submitted by Friday, May 7th. The agenda, and any supporting documents, will be posted by Monday evening, May 10th.

8. Adjournment (approx. 6:36PM)