

# ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 18, 2021

Location: Orange County Facilities Training Room  
2350 E Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32806

Meeting called to order by: Chair Nanette Parratto-Wagner

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded/transcribed by: Linda Hull

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 p.m.

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## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nanette Parratto-Wagner  
Rosina McVicker  
Erika Higgins  
Melissa McGee  
Bradley Conway \*virtual

## STAFF

Diane Summers, Manager  
Linda Hull, Administrative Assistant  
Katherine Martinez, Business Systems Analyst

Minutes Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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ITEM#	TOPIC	ACTIONS TAKEN/DISCUSSION/ASSIGNED
1.	Welcome/Roll Call	6:46 p.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes	April minutes were approved
3.	Manager's Report	<p>Diane Summers gave the Manager's Report. She announced that Orange County's COVID-19 hiring freeze has concluded and Animal Services will soon have multiple positions posting, as the shelter aims to return to full staffing.</p> <p>Kitten season is in full swing and the need for volunteers and foster parents is increasing.</p> <p>Katherine Martinez, Business Systems Analyst and former Training Coordinator and Animal Services Road Officer was introduced as a subject matter expert on shelter operations.</p>
4.	Old business	Nanette Parratto-Wagner announced that the Orange County Commissioners voted for a total ban on retail puppy and kitten sales in Orange County. This will go before a public hearing in late June and require a vote. If passed, current businesses will have one year to comply.
5.	New Business	<p>\$2,500 Grant was approved for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Way Home</li> </ul>
6.	Public Comments	<p>Citizen Karin Snitz questioned OCAS' euthanasia methods and procedures asking why intracardiac injection is used. She also requested that cameras be put in the euthanasia locations.</p> <p>Parratto-Wagner spoke as a veterinarian that it is not always feasible to use an IV for multiple reasons and assured her that intracardiac injection is equally humane.</p>

7.	Adjournment	<p>Katherine Martinez gave a brief overview of euthanasia methods reiterating that an anesthetic sedative is always given first.</p> <p>Erika Higgins asked if the intracardiac method was less humane than the intravenous method.</p> <p>Parratto-Wagner and Martinez assured her that it is not.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:29.</p>
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The full audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.