

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time:	Tuesday February 24, 2026 *4:00PM
Location:	Saginaw County Animal Care & Control 5615 Bay Road Saginaw, MI 48604
Council Members Present:	Kelli Scorsone, Carol Pickelmann, Tom McIntyre, Tracey Slodowski, Jonna Godley, Demetrios Scott, Dr. Bailey Mielke, Sharon Maher, Lauren Lutenski
Council Members Absent:	Cynthia Winiecke
Others in Attendance:	Gilbert Ramirez, Jaime Ceja, Jen Speckhard

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Slodowski called the meeting to order at 4:03PM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom McIntyre made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 27, 2026. Demetrios Scott supported. Motion passed (9-0).

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

1. N/A – Director Horton was not in attendance.

IV. AGENDA

1. Advisory Council – 2025 Year in Review – Carol Pickelmann – Volunteers asked what the Animal Control Advisory Council had accomplished. The advisory council meets once a month throughout the year and discuss animals in Saginaw County. The council organized the surgical center ribbon cutting and formed the education workgroup, which brings animal education to the kids of Saginaw County. What's Next?
 - a. Extended Hours – Seem to be going very well and reflect that in the adoption numbers.
 - b. Fundraising – Member Scott asked if a fundraising workgroup would present challenges with collecting money at the shelter. Money raised could go to spay/neuter funds. Member Dr. Mielke stated that the MSU mobile bus will be coming up to Saginaw to assist with spay/neuter. This should start March/April; however, they can only do surgeries on shelter animals, no public owner animals. Member Pickelmann stated that she would chair the fundraising workgroup with the next meeting next month before the next advisory council meeting. Jaime stated that the council could approach Saginaw Community Foundation to be the fiduciary, the County did use them for donations to the shelter construction.
 - c. Surgical Center Public Party – Tracey stated that the surgical center is not open to the public yet because there is no Veterinarian of Record. There are vets who have signed contracts, but no schedule has been made yet.
 - d. Administrative Professionals Day – The Council decided to bring lunch for the 20-25 staff members at SCACC on March 24th. Have food at SCACC by 11:00AM. Members can either bring food or donate to purchase sub sandwiches from Intermission Deli. Member Pickelmann will collect the money and Demetrios will pick up and deliver the sandwiches. Chair Slodowski stated that she did not want to hold the money. Member Maher stated that if you are dealing with money there will always be questions, keep receipts and be transparent. Deputy Administrator stated that if the council got people to donate the food, then there is no money on the table.

- e. Community Picnic – Member Dr. Mielke stated that we could do a community picnic, grill hot dogs, food trucks. Member Pickelmann stated that the Frankenmuth Jaycees may get involved and serve food or even pay for it. Perhaps a spring open house with bounce houses would bring some community engagement.
- f. Car Wash – Member Scott stated that a car wash is something to explore, a car wash where people come with their pets, get their car washed and see the shelter at the same time.
- g. Parades – Chair Slodowski stated that parade involvement would foster community involvement and have a positive impact in being seen, she can get a list of parades. Jaime stated that SCACC was in the Heritage/Carrolton Homecoming parades this year. We walked dogs and had an ACO truck in the parade.

V. REPORT OF WORK GROUPS

- 1. Education – Member Scorson received legal information needed and created a pamphlet and revisions are underway. There are a few dates that she needs to clear with Rachel.

VI. NEW ITEMS

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Jen Speckhard – asked when there will be a slowdown in staff turnover. Member Godley advised her that it is not something that the Council would comment on, she needs to speak directly to Rachel to address that.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

- 1. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 4:00PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 1. Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Maher supported. The meeting adjourned at 5:05PM.