

**San Francisco Animal Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2023**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Chair Michael Angelo Torres, Commissioners: Jane Tobin, Brian Van Horn, Mikaila Garfinkel, Michael Reed

Absent: Vice Chair Irina Ozernoy, Commissioner Lisa Fagundes, Christopher Campbell, SF RPD, Dr. George Han, SFDPUH. Officer Greg Sutherland, SFPD, Deputy Director Amy Corso SFACC (will report quarterly)

2. General Public Comment

- Written comments have been shared on the Animal Commission website
- A caller was grateful for the live animal markets (LAMS) discussion and was concerned about Saba in the Bayview neighborhood and potential conflicts in monitoring Saba.
- A caller spoke about cats and kittens at risk and SF ACC not meeting its mission. Caller feels that volunteers and rescue organizations are doing the work of SF ACC.

3. Draft Minutes from August 13, 2023 - Approved - Note, The September meeting was canceled.

4. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Reports

- Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue was unable to present due to a scheduling issue.
- Commissioner Van Horn asked when the commission will respond to the information regarding penal codes that Animal Outlook included in their letter in follow-up to their presentation at the August meeting. Chair Torres noted the San Francisco City Attorney was reviewing the information brought up in the Animal Outlook letter and would provide guidance.
- Chair Torres provided an update on the commission's name change and ordinance revisions.
- Chair Torres suggested forming a legislation awareness-type of working group to discuss legislative issues in SF and statewide.

5. Items to be put on the agenda for future commission meetings

- Presentation by Raptors Are the Solution (RATS) on rodenticides.
- Commission officer nominations
- Quarterly Report from SF ACC, and follow-up on Recommendations and live animal market complaints.

6. Adjournment -approx. 5:47 pm