

Forsyth County Animal Services Advisory Board

March 19, 2026

6:00 - 7:30 PM

5570 Sturmer Park Circle
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Priscilla Ivester – Chair
Chad Griffin – Vice Chair
Daniel Lemons
Adam Bowditch
PJ Lofland
Koy Kincaid
Erin Turner
Katie Fanning, DVM

Members Present

Erin Turner	Koy Kincaid	Chad Griffin
Adam Bowditch	Daniel Lemons	Dr. Katie Fanning
Priscilla Ivester	PJ Lofland	

Staff Present

Jamie Bertman
Tonya Ward

CALL TO ORDER

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chair Priscilla Ivester.
- Approval of meeting minutes January 15, 2025.
MOTION: Koy Kincaid made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Adam Bowditch. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Statement from the Director***
Shelter Director Jamie Bertman reviewed statistics from January and February. She discussed how procedures and statistics have changed since she became the director. There were questions about how numbers are complied and about the plan for the future. It was explained that the shelter aims to be 100% in compliance with best practices standards. There were follow up questions as to how euthanasia decisions are made and the process was explained.
- ***Ordinance Changes***
There was no discussion and members stated they are on board with the changes as written.
- ***Removal of Board Members***
At the January meeting, a motion was made and passed that a non-attending member be removed. Chair Priscilla Ivester stated she would send the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***Packet for New Board Members***

There was discussion of what the packet should include such as information about hearings, expectations of attendance. Katie Fanning and Koy Kincaid volunteered to work together to put the packet together.

MOTION: Koy Kincaid made a motion that a packet be created, it was seconded by Daniel Lemons and passed unanimously.

- ***Letter to the Editor***

A recent letter to the editor of a local newspaper was brought up and discussed. It was determined that the letter was regarding enforcement and therefore had no bearing on the Advisory Board.

- ***Animal Coalition***

There was discussion of the renewed interest and formation of a coalition of local animal welfare groups. It was brought up that this has been attempted before and has not been successful but hopes are high for success with this iteration.

- ***Hearing Tribunals***

The docket and members for the Tribunal Hearings scheduled for April 16th were discussed. Koy Kincaid, PJ Lofland, and Adam Bowditch all stated they were available to serve. Katie Fanning said she would be the alternate.

ADJOURN

Chair Priscilla Ivester let the Board know that she would be stepping down from her role effective immediately due to health issues. Chad Griffin will act as Chair for the May meeting prior to the election of a new Chair and Vice Chair in July. She said she wished to thank Adam Bowditch for his service as his term will be ending soon. She also advised the Board that she has spoken with Deputy County Manager Kyle Haney about priorities for FCSO Animal Services and the history between Forsyth County and the City of Winston-Salem regarding Animal Services. He advised her to not involve herself or the Board in issues regarding the budget of FCSO.

MOTION: With no further business Priscilla Ivester asked for a motion to adjourn. Koy Kincaid made the motion, which was seconded by Katie Fanning. Priscilla Ivester adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.