

Washoe County
Regional Animal Services Advisory Board
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
Friday, January 29, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Washoe County Regional Animal Services, Classroom
2825 Longley Ln, # A, Reno, NV 89502

Members

Naomi Duerr-Chair
Annette Rink-Vice-Chair
Paul Anderson
Kitty Jung
Jill Dobbs
Al Rogers
Irene Payne

No members of the public will be allowed in the Classroom due to concerns for public safety resulting from the COVID-19 emergency and pursuant to the Governor of Nevada's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 1, which suspends the requirement in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate. This meeting will be held by teleconference only.

PURSUANT TO NRS 241.020, THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: Washoe County Regional Animal Services Center, 2825 Longley Lane, Reno. Posting at all other physical locations as required by NRS 241.020(4)(a) is currently suspended in accordance with the Governor of Nevada's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 4. This notice may also be found on the State of Nevada Public Notice website at: <https://notice.nv.gov> and Washoe County Regional Animal Services' Advisory Board website at: https://www.washoecounty.us/animal/wcras_advisory_board/index.php.

Supporting Materials- Supporting materials for the items on the agenda provided to the Regional Animal Services Advisory Board may be obtained by contacting Amanda Schultz at (775) 353-8900, by going to Washoe County Regional Animal Services, 2825 Longley Lane, Reno, Nevada, and are located on the Washoe County Regional Animal Services' Advisory Board website at: https://www.washoecounty.us/animal/wcras_advisory_board/index.php.

Order of Business- The Regional Animal Services Advisory Board may consider items on the agenda out of order, may combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

Time Limits – Public comments are welcomed during the two Public Comment periods for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Additionally, public comment specific to the action item of three (3) minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing via email to Amanda Schultz at ASchultz@washoecounty.us and/or attend the meeting and make comment. **In accordance with the Governor of Nevada's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 2, members of the public may submit public comment in real-time via teleconference by logging into the Zoom webinar and utilizing the "raise hand" feature by accessing the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85450308985>**

NOTE: This option will require a computer with audio and video capabilities. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business – The Regional Animal Services Advisory Board conducts the business of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

Responses to Public Comments – The Regional Animal Services Advisory Board can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit board member responses to public comments. However, responses from the Regional Animal Services Advisory Board to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Regional Animal Services Advisory Board will consider, the Advisory Board may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Washoe County staff action, or to ask that a matter be listed on a future meeting agenda. The Advisory Board may do this either during the Public Comment item or during the following item: “WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (Non-action item).”

Accessibility - This facility is accessible to the disabled. Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance (e.g., sign language, interpreters or assisted listening devices) at the meeting should notify Washoe County Regional Animal Services at (775) 353-8900, at least 48-hours before the meeting. **However, this meeting will be held by teleconference only.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** [Non-action item]
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** [Non-action item] – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. Comments are to be made to the Washoe County Regional Animal Services Advisory Board as a whole.
3. **APPROVAL OF October 23, 2020 MINUTES** [For possible action]- Board members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.
4. **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES** [Non- action item]- Director, Shyanne Schull and Legislative Liaison, Jamie Rodriguez.
5. **DIRECTOR’S REPORT** [Non-action item] - An informational update on the Department of Regional Animal Services’ programs, statistics, emerging developments, financial updates, and other matters properly related thereto. Director, Shyanne Schull and Assistant Director, Tammy Jennings.
6. **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD PERIODIC REPORT** [For possible action]- An update, discussion and possible action on the revisions to the Regional Animal Services Advisory Board’s first proposed periodic report to the Board of County Commissioners, to be presented at a future County Commission meeting. Director, Shyanne Schull.
7. **GUEST PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION** [For possible action]- Presentation, discussion and possible action to support proposed state legislation aimed to prevent property insurance companies from excluding specific breeds of dogs from policy coverage. Humane Society of the United States (“HSUS”) Nevada State Director, Jeff Dixon
8. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** [For possible action] – Election of 1) Chair and 2) Vice-chair.
9. **WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – Limited to items not addressed elsewhere on the agenda. The Washoe County Regional Animal Services Advisory Board may not engage in discussion or take action on any item identified under this topic. Rather, items may be placed on a future agenda for discussion and possible action.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT** [Non-action item] – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board agenda. Comments are to be made to the Washoe County Regional Animal Services Advisory Board as a whole.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]