

Washoe County
Regional Animal Services Advisory Board
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
Friday, April 21, 2023 ~ 1:30 p.m.
via Zoom Teleconference

Members

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Public Comment. Public comments are welcomed during the public comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting and during individual action items and are limited to three (3) minutes per person per comment period. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

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During the general public comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting, speakers may address any matter either on or off the agenda. For the remainder of the agenda, public comment will only be heard during items listed "for possible action" and should be about the specific item being considered by the Advisory Board.

Responses to Public Comments. The Regional Animal Services Advisory Board may 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 responses to public comments by board members. However, responses from board members to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. To avoid this situation and to ensure that the public has notice of all matters the Advisory Board will consider, members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for County staff action, or to ask that a matter be listed on a future 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)."

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 or group of persons 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 are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

Posting of Agenda. Pursuant to NRS 241.020(4)(b), this Notice of Meeting and Agenda has been posted at the Washoe County Regional Animal Services Center (2825 Longley Lane, Reno, Nevada); and has been electronically posted on the State of Nevada Public Notice website at: <https://notice.nv.gov> and the Washoe County Regional Animal Services' Advisory Board website at: https://www.washoecounty.us/animal/wcras_advisory_board/index.php.

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AGENDA

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 (ASAB) as a whole.
3. **APPROVAL OF January 27, 2023, MINUTES** [For possible action]- Board members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.
4. **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON NEVADA HUMANE SOCIETY'S ("NHS") FACILITY ASSESSMENT** [Non-action item] – An informational update on NHS' modifications and improvements regarding recommendations included in the 2022 facility assessment report. Nevada Humane Society CEO, Greg Hall.
5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** [Non-action item] - An informational update on WCRAS's programs, statistics, emerging developments, financial updates, and other matters properly related thereto for the third quarter of FY 23. Director, Shyanne Schull.
6. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WASHOE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 55 (ANIMALS AND FOWL) RELATED TO VARIANCE PERMITS TO KEEP MORE THAN THREE DOGS AND/OR SEVEN CATS IN CONGESTED AREAS OF COUNTY** [For Possible Action]- Presentation of WCRAS's proposed amendments to Washoe County Code Chapter 55 (Animals and Fowl) related to variance permits. WCRAS intends to amend sections 55.390 through 55.450, which require persons to obtain a variance permit in order to keep more than three dogs over four months of age and/or seven cats over four months of age in the animal congested areas of Washoe County. WCRAS is seeking feedback from the ASAB members on the proposed code language prior to submission of the draft ordinance to Board of County Commissioners. Director, Shyanne Schull.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]