

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 29th, 2026 - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Animal Services Conference Room (space limited)

511 W 3900 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84123

Webex Link:

<https://slco.webex.com/slco/j.php?MTID=m526a4d937d057d4f51b60bc4c88fd14d>

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL – Dustin Gettel, Chair**
 - Welcome new member Thom DeSirant representing Millcreek and potential new members.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Please state name & jurisdiction.**
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 3.1. Approval of 11-6-25 Meeting Minutes
 - 3.2. **Vote for Chair and Vice Chair**
- 4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**
 - 4.1. **Online Open Meetings Act Training**
<https://training.auditor.utah.gov/courses/open-and-public-meetings-act-training-2026>
 - 4.2. **Legislation**, Talia Butler, Division Director; Jami Johanson, Associate Division Director
 - 4.3. **Division Updates**, Talia Butler, Division Director; Jami Johanson, Associate Division Director
- 5. MEMBER REPORTS**
 - 5.1. **Updates from member's jurisdictions that may impact Animal Services.**
 - Alan Peterson – Kearns
 - Grant Crowell – Bluffdale
 - Thom DeSirant – Millcreek
 - Dustin Gettel – Midvale
 - Toby Hazelbaker – Salt Lake City
 - Holly Smith – City of Holladay
 - Lt. Brian Wright – Murray
 - Vacant – Copperton
 - Jeff Bossard – Brighton
 - Linda Price – White City
 - Audrey Pierce – Magna
 - Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon
 - Scott Baird – Salt Lake County Mayor
 - Dea Theodore – Salt Lake County Council
 - Patrick Theobold – Industry Expert
- 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES



H.B. 87 Animal Crime Victim Amendments

Require courts to determine disposition of animals held in cruelty cases at the first scheduled hearing. Does not require owner attendance. Addresses cost of care.

Benefits

- Clarifying provisions related to the release & forfeiture of animals reducing unnecessary hold times
- Prioritizes animal welfare in abusive and/or exploitive cases.

S.B. 102 Animal Control First Responder Amendments

Currently the law only includes animal control officers that are part of a police or sheriff agency. Requesting change to include all municipal animal control employees that meet the first responder requirements.

Benefits

- Strengthens workforce readiness by extending access to first responder mental health and substance use resources
- Improves coordination within emergency and public safety systems, benefiting dispatchers, responders, and the public