



CITY OF
**VIRGINIA
BEACH**

Animal Services Bureau Advisory Board

December 3rd, 2025

341 S Birdneck Road

Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Minutes

Attendance

Members Present

David Hutcheson, Stephsi Seger, Deanna Board, Carla Stoner, Lisa McDonnell,

Members Absent

Michael Berlucchi, Erica Feiste, Andrea Scahill, Kelly Copeland,

City Staff Present

Scott Wichtendahl, Christopher Mauldin, Jessica Wilde, Adam Blankenship

Approval of Minutes

September minutes are approved

Discussion Items

Enforcement Updates

1. Possible change to Animal Control Officers operating hours
 - o Working towards happy medium that provides enough coverage for Police as well
2. Currently only three (3) senior ACOs, very young team
3. AEU Supervisor Blankenship and Shelter Manager Wilde asked to present at Humane World and Virginia Federation of Humane Societies.

Shelter Updates

1. Washer and dryer have been installed
2. New DVM has been hired and will be starting January 8th, 2026
3. We will continue to use relief DVMs and PETA to get through backlog of small animals needing surgeries for adoption

Other Business

Staffing- Currently at 50% in both Shelter and Enforcement with a goal of 75-80%

Public Comment

1. Lisa McDonnell asked Christopher Mauldin what his expectations are for the Board? Mauldin's response below
 - a. To give third party perspective to leadership
 - b. For optics outside of government leadership
 - c. To work with partnerships outside of leadership
2. Citizen discussed concern with veterinary clinic.
 - a. Deputy Chief Wichtendahl- We have reviewed the concern and it was found to be a difference of opinion. All care provided is within accepted standards.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: March 4th, 2026