



# COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

## **Regular VCAS Commission Meeting**

February 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Ventura County Animal Services  
VCAS Classroom  
600 Aviation Drive  
Camarillo, CA 93010  
www.vcas.us

**Chair:** Dee Dee Cavanaugh, City of Simi Valley

**Vice-Chair:** Renee Delgado, City of Moorpark

**Commissioners:** Matt LaVere, County of Ventura Board of Supervisors; Leslie Rule, City of Ojai; Gabriela Rodriguez, City of Oxnard; Albert Mendez, City of Fillmore; Martita Martinez-Bravo, City of Camarillo; Steven Gama, City of Port Hueneme; Rryn Schumacher, City of Ventura.

**Staff:** Esteban Rodriguez, Director of Animal Services; Donna Gillesby, Deputy Director of Animal Services; Phil Rarick, VCAS Administrative Services Director; Randy Friedman, Public Information Officer; Sandra Ropes, Recording Secretary.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. REVIEW/ REORDERING OF THE AGENDA *5 minutes***
- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR *5 minutes. Roll Call vote on items indicated.***

All items on the consent calendar are expected to be non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is required, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be discussed after the balance of the Consent Calendar has been approved and before the beginning of Business Items. The Consent Calendar will be voted on and approved by roll call vote.

- 5.1 Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Ventura County Animal Services Commission meeting of November 20, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve minutes of the special Ventura County Animal Services Commission meeting of November 20, 2025.

- 6. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS *5 minutes***
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS *15 minutes***

VCAS Commission Meetings have transitioned back to in-person only.

Public comment is the opportunity for members of the public to participate in meetings by addressing the VCAS Commission in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items. Public comments by a member of the public at a single meeting are limited to **three (3) minutes** unless the time allotment is increased or decreased by the Chair depending on the number of speakers.

To maintain a public meeting environment conducive and welcoming to receiving public comments from all members of the public, the audience is discouraged from engaging in displays of support or opposition to staff reports or public comments, including clapping, yelling, booing, hissing, or cheering, that may create a disruptive environment for members of the public.

wishing to participate. Any person who disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of a meeting will be instructed to cease the disruptive conduct. Failure to do so may result in that person being removed from the meeting.

If you would like to address the VCAS Commission with a public comment, please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. You must check in with the Recording Secretary of the Board to complete a Public Comment Card. Your name will be called during the public comment section of the agenda.

## **8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT** *20 minutes*

## **9. NEW BUSINESS - Information/Discussion/Collaboration - 30 minutes**

- **Agenda Item 9.1:** Annual Elections
  - **Description:** Elect Chair and Vice Chair of VCAS Commission for 2026
  - **Staff Report:** Esteban Rodriguez, VCAS Director
  - **Time Allotted:** 10 minutes
  
- **Agenda Item 9.2:** New Animal Services Shelter
  - **Description:** Receive Updates on New Animal Shelter
  - **Staff Report:** Esteban Rodriguez, VCAS Director
  - **Discussion Points:** Current timeline, next steps. Feedback, Q&A
  - **Recommendation:** Receive and File
  - **Time Allotted:** 5 minutes
  
- **Agenda Item 9.3:** Overcapacity, Continued Overflow, and Public Safety Town Hall meetings
  - **Description:** Discuss Overcrowding and Public Safety Issues
  - **Staff Report:** Esteban Rodriguez, VCAS Director
  - **Discussion Points:** Feedback, Q&A
  - **Recommendation:** Receive and File
  - **Time Allotted:** 10 minutes
  
- **Agenda Item 9.4:** Alternative Spay/Neuter Procedures
  - **Description:** Receive Information
  - **Staff:** Esteban Rodriguez, Director
  - **Commissioner:** Leslie Rule
  - **Discussion Points:** Feedback, Q&A
  - **Recommendation:** Receive and File
  - **Time Allotted:** 5 minutes

## **10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** *10 minutes*

## **11. ADJOURNMENT** –Next meeting is May 21, 2026, at 9 a.m.