

Multnomah County Animal Services Community Advisory Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date	Time	Location
April 9th, 2026	6:30-8:30 PM	Multnomah Building

Welcome, Soft Start

- **Announcements:**
 - Erin is retiring at the end of summer
 - Introduction of MCAS Operations Manager Andrew Mathias

I. Member Agreement Check-in

Quick review of membership agreement

- **Discussion:**
 - Ensuring all voices are heard
 - Assume best intent
 - Self awareness - knowing when to step and when to step back - making sure all voices are heard
- **Action Items:**
 - N/A

II. Work Plan Draft

Review draft of CAC work plan for 2026-2028

- **Discussion:**
 - Recommendation to add to the work plan a check-in to see where we are at - in January, February, or March of 2027
 - Recommendation to do a check-in at the end of each topic to see if recalibration is needed.
 - Appreciation for the layout of the workplan
 - Is there room for the CAC to work on other items? MCAS is looking into launching different programs/systems that will change how the public interacts with Animal Services. Community outreach and feedback on these may be very helpful to MCAS.
 - Suggestion that this could be a sub-committee
 - Discussion around potential for ballot measures
- **Action Items:**
 - Taylor to update the work plan and share out spreadsheet
 - Create a whiteboard or some type of feedback receiving tool for CAC homework (see below)
 - Taylor to summarize feedback for discussion at the next meeting
 - Request for data re: intake types, field RTO info, and pretzel feedback by age group
 - Request for more information about field services in general
 - CAC would like to know more about decision making process for removal of animals or suspension of ownership

III. Initiative 1: Keeping people with their pets; Presentation

Presentation by MCAS Operations Manager: Keeping people and their pets together; what is MCAS currently doing?

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Homework is as follows:

- 1) Does the title and question truly capture what we want to explore: "Keeping people with their pets"
- 2) Are there any sideboards we want to place on this initiative?
- 3) How do we want to use the remaining 4 meetings?

Next Meeting May 14th, 2026

