

**THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE JOINT POWERS AGENCY OF THE
STANISLAUS ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY (SASA)**
Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Wednesday

April 13, 2022

Members Present:

Merry Mayhew, City of Hughson, Chair – Present
Jody Hayes, County of Stanislaus – Absent
Ivan Valencia, Alternate for Joe Lopez, City of Modesto – Present
Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford – Present
Ken Irwin, City of Patterson – Present
Alex Terrazas, City of Ceres – Present

Staff Present:

Sweena Pannu, Deputy County Counsel
Ron Reid, Interim Executive Director
Monica Aleman, Business Manager
Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant

Guests and Dignitaries: None

The meeting was called to order at 10:34am by Chairwoman, Merry Mayhew.

1. **Roll Call (Silent)** See Above
2. **Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person):**
No Public Present/None
3. **New Business**
 - A. Accept an Update from the Special Committee to Plan and Oversee the Executive Director Recruitment and Approve Committee Recommendations on Final Selection

Mike Pitcock/City of Waterford gave the update on behalf of the Special Committee (the Committee members being Mike Pitcock, Jewel Warr/Alternate for Jody Hayes – Stanislaus County, and Scotty Douglass/Alternate for Joe Lopez – City of Modesto, and Animal Advocate Sheila McLalin/Best Friends Network). Alternate Board Member Warr, Alternate Board Member Douglass, and Ms. McLalin were not present at the meeting.

The Committee previously reviewed the applications and recommendations, as provided by the “Consultant.” There were six applicants that the Committee felt met the minimum qualifications. Those six were afforded the opportunity to continue in the

interview process, but only two of the six requested to continue. Those two were interviewed by the Special Committee on Wednesday, April 6th.

After those two interviews, there was only one candidate that the Committee felt met the professional necessities and the personality necessary to fit the organizational needs; only one candidate was considered to have passed the oral exam.

Therefore, the Committee is asking that the Joint Powers Authority Board (Board) refine their prior direction to the Committee to bring forth the top two candidates. The Committee felt that given the circumstances presented above, only one candidate be brought forward for final presentation and consideration.

The Committee also requested the candidate be offered the choice to fly out from out of state to meet with the Board in person at agency expense or make that final presentation on "Teams"/virtual. Board discussion led to an alternate recommendation to have the final presentation offered in person only and not be given the virtual option.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee, to bring forth the single candidate in front of the Board, but to amend the recommendation for final presentation - to require that candidate to be presented in person (City of Hughson/City of Patterson; 5-0).

4. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 10:42am (City of Waterford/City of Patterson; 5-0)

ATTESTED: RON REID, Interim Executive Director
of the Governing Board
of the Joint Powers Agency
of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency
State of California