Animal Care and Control Oversight Board

Created pursuant to Resolution No. 17-1.6 and amended pursuant to Resolution No. 20-11.1

Powers & Duties:

The Animal Care and Control Oversight Board is hereby created and shall have the duty and responsibility to advise/make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the care and control of domestic animals through ordinances, policies, requirements fulfillment of specific and related contract(s) and make recommendations regarding animal care and control initiatives authorized by the Board.

How Appointed:

The Animal Care and Control Oversight Board shall be comprised of five (5) members. The Board shall appoint four (4) at-large members who are required to be Martin County residents licensed in Veterinary Medicine or are animal care professionals with shelter experience. The entity contracted for the provision of animal care, control, and disposition services is authorized to appoint one (1) representative.

The Martin County Sheriff is authorized to designate a liaison from the Martin County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit.

Terms:

The term of each member shall be determined at the time of their appointment. At the initial appointment to the Animal Care and Control Oversight Board the terms of office of the members shall be for 4 years, except that three of the members first appointed shall be designated to serve terms of 1, 2, and 3 years, respectively, from the date of their appointments, and all other members shall be designated to serve for terms of 4 years from the date of their appointments. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Each member shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified. Appointments for the representatives of the Martin County Sheriff and animal care, control, and disposition services vendor shall be at the discretion of the appointing authority.

Meetings:

The Animal Care and Control Oversight Board shall meet biannually or more frequently as directed by the Animal Care and Control Oversight Board Chair or a majority of the members. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting meetings. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings is grounds for automatic removal from the Board. Representatives of the Martin County Sheriff and animal care, control, and disposition services vendor shall be exempt from the attendance requirement.

Staff Liaison: George Stokus, Assistant County Administrator

Member	Position	Appointed	Term End
Rita Nelson	At-Large	3/28/2017	3/27/2026
Rex Sentell	At-Large	3/28/2017	3/27/2023
Polly Campenni - resigned	At-Large	3/28/2017	3/27/2024
Richard Smith	At-Large	3/28/2017	3/27/2025
Sheila Biehl	Representative for entity contracted for	or	
	provision of animal care, control &		
	disposition services	11/03/2021	
Sgt. Colasuonno	Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit		

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