

LICENSED BREEDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting of May 7, 2018
1106 Clayton Lane - Room 125 E - Austin, Texas

Summary of Minutes

Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson moved to agenda item B. Roll Call, Certification of Quorum. Committee members present were Steve Epperson, Dr. Richard Cordes, Babette Ellis, Sherry Ferguson, Cynthia Rothermel, Joseph Levine, Andrea Greig, and Melanie Mercer. Committee member Kimberly Papke joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson moved to agenda item C. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of August 23, 2017. Committee member Richard Cordes, seconded by Babette Ellis, made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson moved to agenda item D. Public Comment. The Committee heard public comment from Laura Donahue, Bobbi Barnett, and Debra Westerheim.

Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson moved to agenda item E. Staff Reports – Tarsha Redd, Licensing Manager provided the Licensing Division report. Trey Seal, Division Director provided the Customer Service Division report. Charlotte Melder, Supervising Attorney provided the Enforcement Division report. Fernando Reyes, Field Operations Liaison provided the Field Inspections Division report. Russell Taulli, Program Specialist provided the Regulatory Program Management Division report. Carla James, Deputy Executive Director provided the Executive Office report.

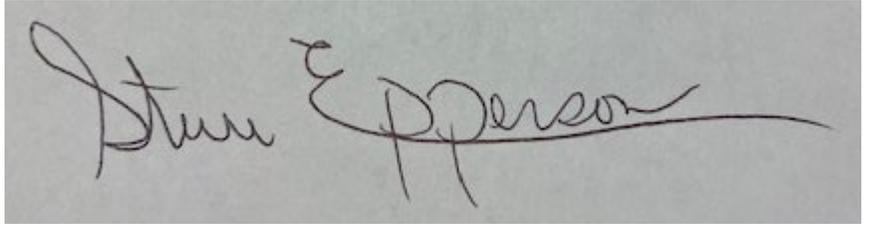
Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson moved to agenda item F., Discussion on new rulemaking requirement put in place by the 85th Legislature, potential impact on rulemaking in the Licensed Dog and Cat Breeders program, implications for surveys and workgroups, and increased focus on outreach efforts. Molly Fudell, Assistant General Counsel provided an overview of a new statute which prohibits adopting a rule that imposes a cost without removing a rule that imposes a cost. Staff decided to focus its efforts on outreach and education as opposed to conducting a survey which may request options the Department could not implement.

Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson moved to agenda item G., Discussion and possible appointment of a workgroup on outreach. The board elected not to appoint a workgroup and will instead have each board member provide ideas on additional outreach efforts.

Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson moved to agenda item H., Recommendations for agenda items for next meeting. The Committee did not set any items for the next agenda.

Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson moved to agenda item I., Discussion of date, time, and location of next Committee meeting. The Committee agreed to hold the next meeting June 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson moved to agenda item J., Adjournment. Presiding Officer, Steve Epperson adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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Steve Epperson, Presiding Officer
Licensed Breeders Advisory Committee