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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES  
 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETING  
**SUMMARY MINUTES**

Meeting Location:  
 Santa Cruz County Community Room  
 701 Ocean Street, Government Center  
 Monday, April 13, 2026 – 11:00AM

Audio Link: <https://www.scanimalshelter.org/board-of-director-meetings/>

VOTING KEY: Ry=Ryan, Be=Benson, M=Manning, T=Templeton, Th=Thul,  
 Ru=Rutherford, Mo=Moreno, G=Garcia, Fr=Frietas, Fe=Feenan  
 Abbreviations: Board Member (BM), General Manager (GM), Field Services Manager (FSM)

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Vice-Chair Benson called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

Chair Ryan*	Absent
Vice-Chair Benson	Present
Frietas	Present
Thul	Present
Garcia	Present

Manning	Absent
Templeton	Present
Feenan	Absent
Rutherford	Present
*Moreno	Absent

\* Captain Leo Moreno proxy for member Ryan

- INTRODUCTIONS**  
There were no introductions.
- CONSIDERATION OF LATE ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**  
There were no additions to the agenda.
- ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**  
There were three public comments. Please find the audio on the SCCAS website.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. Approve minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular Board meeting
- 6. Accept Management Reports for February and March 2026
- 7. Accept and file statistics for February and March 2026
- 8. Accept and approve financial reports for February and March 2026
- 9. Accept and approve quarterly report for all claims under \$20,000
- 10. Accept and approve journal entry payments with the County of Santa Cruz
- 11. Accept gifts totaling \$170,819.08 from the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Foundation

**Result:** Approved Unanimously  
**Public Comment:** None  
**Board Comment:** None  
**Moved:** Freitas  
**Second:** Templeton  
**Ayes:** Be, T, Th, Ru, G, Fr

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- 12. General Manager Oral Report

**Result:** Presentation by GM Rowland  
**Public Comment:** Three public comments  
**Board Comment:** Please refer to April 13, 2026, JPA Board Meeting Audio for Board Comments

- 13. Consider General Manager’s Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27

**Result:** Direction to include 0% increase in member contribution to the June 8, budget presentation  
**Public Comment:** None  
**Board Comment:** Please refer to April 13, 2026, JPA Board Meeting Audio for Board Comments

- 14. Approve transfer of Ruth P. Staff Trust Fund totaling \$1,843,750 to an investment account to be managed as a perpetual Endowment for SCCAS

**Result:** Approved Unanimously  
**Public Comment:** None  
**Board Comment:** Please refer to April 13, 2026, JPA Board Meeting Audio for Board Comments  
**Moved:** Templeton  
**Second:** Rutherford  
**Ayes:** Be, T, Th, Ru, G, Fr

15. Consider a special meeting for a closed session Public Employee Performance Evaluation of General Manager [CA Govt. Code §54957(b)]

**Result:** Vice Chair Benson Deferred the Evaluation to June 8, 2026

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:** Please refer to April 13, 2026, JPA Board Meeting Audio for Board Comments

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Adjourned at 12:21p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON RYAN

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CLERK BAYLY