

**MARION COUNTY DOG CLASSIFICATION BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Dog Classification Board was held on April 14th, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium at 601 SE 25 Ave., Ocala, Florida.

Board members present: Vice Chairman Debbie Carney, Kerry Crawford, Eddie Leedy, Justin McClure, and alternate Barbara Tucker. Mike Deen was excused absent. Animal Services Director Kyra Lynch, Board Attorney Linda Blackburn, and Board Secretary Victoria Ryder were present.

Justin McClure made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 19, 2026, meeting. Second by Kerry Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board then voted to elect a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Kerry Crawford made a motion to nominate Debbie Carney as Chairman. Seconded by Eddie Leedy. The motion passed unanimously. Eddie Leedy made a motion to nominate Justin McClure as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Kerry Crawford. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A26-167556




Amber Fisher

Amber Fisher requested a hearing regarding the destruction of her dog, "Kane."

Humane Investigator Bridget Walker presented proof of service, photographs, and video footage, and gave testimony. Peter Smith and April Deslover, witnesses, gave testimony. Amber Fisher and her mother, Robin Ruffner, gave testimony.

Justin McClure made a motion that after hearing substantial, competent evidence, that the dog "Kane", a neutered male, tan and white, American Staffordshire Terrier type dog, previously declared dangerous, has, without provocation, attacked or bitten a person or domestic animal, that the board finds that Animal Services has sufficient cause for the destruction of "Kane" in a safe and humane manner per Marion County Code Chapter 4, Section 4-22; 4-25; and Chapter 767, Florida Statutes. The motion was seconded by Kerry Crawford. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.


Chairman

Witness -  Date Adopted 4/23/26