

Commission on Animal Care & Control
Minutes of May 23, 2024 Commission Meeting
Reviewed and approved at the September 19, 2024, meeting

Commissioners Attending (7 of 9)

Cynthia Bathurst, Chair, private citizen
Tonette Dugar, Department of Streets & Sanitation
Paula Fasseas, Humane Society Member
Joan Colletta, private citizen
Sandra Alfred, private citizen
Dr. Janna Kerins, Chicago Health Department Member
Ramona Griffin, private citizen – virtual

Commissioners Absent (1 of 9)

Thomas Beazley, Lieutenant, Chicago Police Department Member

Commissioners Vacant (1 of 9)

VACANT - Veterinarian Member

Also Attending

Susan Cappello, Acting Executive Director, CACC
Angela Rayburn, Operations Manager, CACC
Armando Tejada, Executive Administrative Assistant, CACC
Arthur Hamilton, Shelter Manager, CACC
Kristina Rosinia, Paws Chicago
Members of the public – via livestream

Agenda Item #1: Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

C. Bathurst performed roll call, determined a quorum, and called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

No public comment. Procedure is to email askcacc@cityofchicago.org to request to make a comment.

Agenda Item #3: Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the April 11, 2024, minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Report of Chairperson

C. Bathurst reported that she will be resigning from the Commission at the end of May 2024. The Commission is an essential advisory role by ordinance to the Department. C. Bathurst acknowledged Charlie Propsom from Friends of Chicago Animal Care & Control. C. Bathurst will send out the Commission Annual Report to Commissioners for review. C. Bathurst reported that the task of calling Homeward Bound groups to thank them for the difference they made and if there were any concerns with the program she will submit her portion to R. Griffin for reporting. C. Bathurst also thanked H. Owen for her role on the Commission. S. Cappello thanked C. Bathurst for her support. C. Bathurst asked the new Commissioners to introduce themselves. J. Colletta & S. Alfred introduced themselves.

Agenda Item #5: Report of Executive Director

S. Cappello report and statistics are attached.

Agenda Item #6: City Agency Reports

- J. Kerins (Dept of Public Health) – Interaction with CACC is Rabies and communicable disease. Cicadas are in Chicago and are not toxic to animals or people. May cause stomach upset if dogs eat too many.
- T. Duggar (Streets & Sanitation) – The Rodent Control division picks up dead animals on the streets. They have 2-3 trucks depending on demand and animals are scanned with the microchip scanners when recovering dead domestic animals. S. Alfred asked about a recent report that 3 owls were found dead, and the thought is that they ate rodents who had eaten rodenticide. S&S uses a burrow bait procedure and will not place bait outside a burrow. There is no way to know that this is how the owls passed.
- T. Beazley (Police) – No report.

Agenda Item #7: Commissioner Reports

- P. Fasseas – introduced Kristina Rosina to discuss the PAWS 360 program. Reported on parvo cases, Rescue Ready program, spay/neuter for CACC dogs, adoption assistance program and diversion program. C. Bathurst asked how it works when people are at intake. K. Rosina reported that there are PAWS staff at CACC intake to talk to clients.
- R. Griffin – Welcome to the new Commissioners and previous Commissioners. R. Griffin asked if there is a tent available for the intake area to protect people from the weather, happy that the Doggie Day Out is open and looking to see if a 5-minute video can be made for advice to the DDO people, communication to volunteers is important as they are key to adoptions.
- C. Bathurst – Urge the Commission to keep going and keep relationships strong.

Agenda Item #8: Other Business

None

Agenda Item #9: New Business

None

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m. The next meeting is July 18, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in person with the location to be determined.