

Commission on Animal Care & Control
Minutes of May 18, 2023, Commission Meeting
Reviewed and approved at the July 20, 2023, meeting

Commissioners Attending (6 of 9)

Cynthia Bathurst, Chair, private citizen
Ramona Griffin, private citizen
Heather Owen, private citizen
Charleen Propsom, private citizen
Dr. Janna Kerins, Chicago Health Department Member
Tonette Duggar, Department of Streets & Sanitation

Commissioners Absent (2 of 9)

Paula Fasseas, Humane Society Member
Thomas Beazley, Lieutenant, Chicago Police Department Member

Commissioners Vacant (1 of 9)

VACANT - Veterinarian Member

Also Attending

Susan Cappello, Acting Executive Director, CACC
Arthur Hamilton, Shelter Manager, CACC
Angela Rayburn, Operations Manager, CACC
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

Public Comment Requests are to be emailed to askcacc@cityofchicago.org in advance of the meeting.

- No Public Comment

Agenda Item #3: Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the March 16, 2023, minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Report of Chairperson

C. Bathurst congratulated Mayor Johnson on the election and invited him to the Commission meeting. The Mayor was unable to attend in May but is interested in attending in the future. Commission meetings are now in person at CACC in the Auditorium, with the exception of during renovations. Meetings held the 3rd Thursday of each month and next meeting is July 20, 2023. Follow-up on previous notes, thanks to CACC Staff on the count of microchip scanners at CPD districts and C. Bathurst is working with other partners to purchase additional scanners for the districts and areas and also to include several Fire Stations. C. Bathurst thanked the current Commissioners for everything they do:

- R Griffin on all the work on DDO, DDO Overnight and adoption events including the most recent event with Dogs Playing for Life National Rockstar Event
- H. Owen (Executive Director for OTAT) for bringing CRISP to CACC to help with intake
- C. Propsom for all that is done with the After Hours Care Program
- Dr Kerins from Dept of Public Health and welcome back.

C. Bathurst talked about data (put together with the help of Ed Wang, long time volunteer). Looked at Intake, outcomes, dog breed & what rescues are doing. Numbers show that programs like nosework, manners, corporate groups with volunteers & agility help the animals while at the shelter.

Agenda Item #5: Report of Executive Director

S. Cappello reported on events, hiring, vaccine clinics, Doggie Day Outs, volunteer program and adoption events. A. Hamilton reported on shelter statistics. A. Rayburn reported on field statistics.

Agenda Item #6: City Agency Reports

- J. Kerins (Health) – COVID public health emergency has ended although COVID is ongoing; start of rabies season; new CDPH new One Health which covers Human Health, Animal Health and Environment. C. Bathurst reported on youth engagement with animals with the LifeTime Bond program.
- T. Duggar (Streets & Sanitation) – J Cruz sends apologies for missing the last meeting. Still working with 2 scanners and a 3rd truck during the summer. C. Bathurst asked about the procedure. T. Duggar, crew gets a call through 311 and an animal is scanned onsite at the location of the animal. If there is a chip, that animal is set to the side and brought into CACC. CACC then will rescan and perform microchip research and inform the owner. A Hamilton reported that S&S can pick up DOA Pets from homes through a 311 request.
- T. Beazley (Police) - No report.

Agenda Item #7: Commissioner Reports

- R. Griffin – Question on Managed Intake. Thank you to all volunteers, enrichment team, volunteer coordinator, Safe Humane Chicago, BARC Chicago, Connies Pizza, Realtors to the Rescue, CRISP for stepping up and helping out. Will talk about conferences next meeting. Looking into trainings like Compassion Fatigue, critter corner presentation, help with the animal human well-being.
- H. Owen – CRISP is back every Saturday in the lobby noticing that the staff at the front desk is very busy and overwhelmed. Lot of people coming in for services and just handing a flier to the clients doesn't work. Need more time to counsel the clients. C. Bathurst mentioned that you don't need to be an approved CACC Volunteer at CACC through CRISP/OTAT to counsel. R. Griffin has access to MSW's who can help people during emotional situations to clients. C. Bathurst asked how to volunteer with the CRISP program. H. Owen reported that CRISP is full but fosters are needed.
- C. Propsom – Continues with the Foster program and need more foster homes. After Hours program has been less active past few weeks but is a very successful program, very gratifying program. C. Propsom reported that the need is for medical fosters for the After Hours pets and more volunteers for the PetCo Adoption events. Big Night is being held October 19th on West Fulton and more details coming soon.
- P. Fasseas – No report.
- C. Bathurst – Safe Humane youth opportunities in partnership with CACC, Enlace and IYC over the summer and throughout the year.

Agenda Item #8: Other Business

None.

Agenda Item #9: New Business

None.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is July 20, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in person in the Auditorium at Chicago Animal Care and Control, 2741 South Western Ave., Chicago.