

Commission on Animal Care & Control
Minutes of September 15, 2022 Commission Meeting
Approved at the November 17, 2022 meeting

Commissioners Attending (8 of 9)

Cynthia Bathurst, Chair, private citizen
Josie Cruz, Chicago Department of Streets & Sanitation Member
Heather Owen, private citizen
Janna Kerins, Chicago Health Department Member
Ramona Griffin, private citizen
JB Bruederle, Veterinarian Member
Paula Fasseas, Humane Society Member
Charleen Propsom, private citizen

Commissioners Absent (1 of 9)

Thomas Beazley, Lieutenant, Chicago Police Department Member

Also Attending

Mamadou Diakhate, Executive Director
Susan Cappello, Deputy 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 8:34 a.m.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

Katie Campbell – Thanks for ads on the buses; Police districts refuse to scan animals and not all districts follow the same protocol on scanning, who do residents contact to complain about this? For Streets and Sanitation, what did you mean about the outcome for chips at the last meeting? Why are there no policies for scanning of DOA animals. For CACC, why are the members of the public being turned away with stray cats, why doesn't staff wear name tags, why doesn't staff sign their names on emails, why is 311 telling people to leave animals out on the streets. Owner surrender numbers are down, are the animals from S&S still not being included in statistics.

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

Agenda Item #3: Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the July 15, 2022 meeting were received late on September 14; approval deferred to November meeting.

Agenda Item #4: Report of Chairperson

C. Bathurst reported that the November meeting is the last meeting of the year and will soon after be working on summarizing a draft of an Annual Report. Additionally, DD Cappello will put together a report of the spotlighted animals and dispositions from the year. From a conversation with Lt Beazley, asking for all Commissioners to reach out to your local police district to see what they need for help with dogs and cats in their district. Still working on the flow charts for Cruelty cases with OM Rayburn and ED Diakhate. At last meeting, there was a conversation about vaccinations and boosters for dogs, boosters were completed and the APC's are keeping up on the booster vaccines. A Hamilton reported that General Order 064 on vaccinations is

on the Website but is outdated as it talks about CIV vaccines which are no longer provided. C Bathurst, R Griffin, C Proptom and DD Cappello met regarding calling potential new volunteers and wanted to call those volunteers to welcome them on board. This was not able to happen, but they are still willing to help. In November, a summary report of the Commissioners' activities of the year will be provided by all Commissioners. R Griffin asked what vaccines are required upon intake? A Hamilton responded that no vaccines are REQUIRED upon intake, only Rabies Vaccine upon outcome. Best practice is to vaccinate for DHPP for dogs and FVRCP for cats but not required.

Agenda Item #5: Report of Executive Director

M. Diakhate thanked Ms Campbell who called in to provide comments as it makes CACC revisit and write policies, and thanked rescue partners and city departments for their continued support. M. Diakhate reported on the alleged parvo cases, reviewing protocols and budget season. CACC has been engaged with the Park District, CDPH, IDNR and the Mayors Office regarding dead birds on the lakefront to determine if any birds are dying from the Avian Flu. CACC is working with several Volunteers with a special thanks to Ramona Griffin to keep special events going and re-start the Doogie Day Out Program. Special thanks to CACC Staff as they are a group of hard working dedicated people including the shelter staff and field staff. C Bathurst also thanks the staff and volunteers at the meetings.

S Cappello reported on hiring. Hiring is in process for 5 Animal Care Aides, 1 Animal Care Clerk & 1 Animal Control Officer. Positions to be posted in September are HR Business Partner, 1 Animal Control Officer & 2 Certified Veterinary Technicians. CACC is working with the Mayor's Office on the Executive Administrative Assistant position.

A Hamilton, reported on shelter stats. YTD stats were emailed to commissioners. Overall intake is up by over 1000 in stray dogs. Of the 850 euthanasia requests 727 were euthanized. CACC saved 123 animals (three whole pavilions) from the euthanasia process. C Bathurst thanked the department for explaining the process. R Griffin commented that we all know that the nation is in a crisis within animal shelters. Is CACC giving resources for other services when they are turned away? M Diakhate responded that CACC is providing diversion resources. C Bathurst will get several Commissioners together on how to educate the public on registration of microchips. C Proptom asked if there is a policy on when CACC inserts a chip at clinics whether they are recorded ASAP, same day. DD Cappello responded that CACC has a staff person designated to registering those microchips within 48 hours.

A Rayburn reported on field stats. Looking ahead with Advertising about microchips and registration. Over 27,000 service requests this year. Working on Cruelty Case flow charts. Also working on additional QR codes. M Diakhate received a few requests from a few Police Officers on how to determine Animal Cruelty cases and suggested a video training for Police Officers.

Agenda Item #6: City Agency Reports

- J. Cruz (Streets & Sanitation) – Nothing to report.
- J. Kerins (Health) – Will be getting a rabies flier ready for CACC's website. A Rayburn responded that information on dog bites will be important. C Bathurst asked for stats on cats or dogs being infected by COVID 19. Dr Kerins responded that the University of Illinois did a study on this and reported that only a small handful have tested positive.
- T. Beazley (Police) – No report.

Agenda Item #7: Commissioner Reports

- JB. Bruederle – APC's reached out about providing rabies vaccines to the CACC dogs.
- C. Proptom – Proceeding with more cat adoptions with PetCo – thank you to CACC for vetting the 12 cats, 11 were adopted out so far. After Hours program is moving along, difficulty is finding foster homes

for these animals. How does all the information that happens at CACC get out to staff members (she witnessed a staff say that there was no volunteer program). C Bathurst asked if there is a protocol on when an animal comes back to CACC from the After Hours Program. M Diakhate responded that an email will go to all staff regarding programs.

- R. Griffin – Due to time, will wait until next meeting to report on the DDO and events.
- H. Owen – CRISP number: 146 animals in the program (not all referrals to CACC), maybe 1/3 directly from CACC. Recently put together a training for what is done by CRISP and looking to provide this to CACC staff by the end of the year.
- C. Bathurst – Thank Commissioners, everyone on this call and all our partners and staff for helping with programs. IYC program graduated recently with CACC dogs (Safe Humane PALs).
- P. Fasseas – No report.

Agenda Item #8: Other Business

None.

Agenda Item #9: New Business

M Diakhate wants to thank Friends of CACC for the Washer and Dryer. C Propsom also thanks the volunteer who donated \$5000 and an additional \$5000 from Bissell to cover the cost of the Washer and Dryer. Thanks to Heather for the diversion of the animals.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

Meetings will continue to be virtual. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next virtual meeting is November 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.