

**BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Animal Care Advisory Board



Meeting Date

6/26/25

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Time Called to Order:	Time Adjourned:	Location:	Minutes By:
4:04pm	5:46pm	Animal Care and Adoption 2400 SW 42 nd Street Main Conference Room Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312	Tracey Paige Recording Secretary 201.921.7778
Members Present		Members Absent	Other Participants
Grace Johns- Chair Tracey Paige – Secretary Dr. Lisa Feinstein Kelly Kandibovich From Broward County: Doug Brightwell – Director Girlande Bertrand- Business Manager Lisette Murado- Administrative Coordinator		Danny Finkelstein Buz Oldaker	Observers: Jody Sweeney

Item	Action/Discussion/Recommendations	Due Date	Status/Staff Responsible
A. Opened Meeting	Meeting started at 4:04 pm Purpose of the meeting is to conduct the Advisory Board Meeting. Roll Call by Lisette Murado. There was a quorum.	N/A	Grace Johns, Chair
B. Approval of the minutes	Minutes of the meeting on 4.24.25 were unanimously approved. Motion to approve by Kelly- second by Lisa		all
C. New Business	Announcements from the shelter director- Looking to open a 4 th shelter in case of hurricanes. The public would know about the shelter by checking the website and media releases Two current building projects update: 1- Play yard- bids due by end of next week – anticipated project completion end Q1 26 2- Final drawings due to enlarge the surgical suite adding more runs for dogs – anticipated project completion Q2 26 Current hiring freeze for county vacancies- shelter can fill certain vacancies (ACO, Kennel and Vet). Currently there are zero applicants for the vet position – In total there are 15 openings Budget proposal for county- each division was required to proposal a 5% reduction for the FY 26 budget which equals \$690k for BCAC. Shelter recently assisted in two hoarding situations – taking in from one		Doug

	30 cats and 3 dogs and 20 cats from the second situation. Petco Adoption Event taking place on Saturday June 28 th - 15 dogs will be taken for adoption opportunities		
	Susan Claire has not been reassigned to the Advisory Council- District 7 has two other applicants to interview		Lisette
D. Public Input	<p>Jody Sweeney had questions regarding processes at the shelter, specifically:</p> <p>Are dogs walked individually or always in play groups- Doug answered that all dogs get daily individual walks</p> <p>Can a foster keep a dog longer than 90 days- how can videos that fosters film be used to increase awareness on social media- Doug answered that any tik toc videos cannot be shared by BCAC as tik toc is banned by the County- only Instagram and facebook posts are okay</p> <p>Rescue blasts- how often are they being sent out- Doug responded they are sent out on a regular basis. If someone is not receiving them ask them to reach out to transfer@broward.org</p> <p>Is there an enrichment program- Doug responded that there is but the trainer is on medical leave- the staff is filling in during this time</p> <p>Volunteer approval process is taking too long- Doug responded to reach out to Perla at pnavarette@broward.org (volunteer coordinator)</p> <p>Tracey asked for Jody to return to give us updates</p>		Jody Sweeney/ Doug Brightwell
E. Old Business	Training workshop learnings reviewed – Training was attended by Kelly, Grace and Lisette		Grace
	Once an event has been decided on, Tracey to do a PRR to get a list of companies who have done “day of volunteering” at the shelter – going back 6 months. This will help to build the invite list.		Tracey
	Need to have Perla and Zack invited to the next meeting so we can begin to plan a fundraising campaign to augment the sterilization trust fund – Next meeting date will be a workshop on July 23rd		Lisette/Doug
F. Non-agenda items	Grace will be speaking to Michael regarding drainage and the capital fund		Grace
G. Meeting adjourned	<p>Meeting adjourned at 5:46</p> <p>motion to adjourn- Tracey- second Grace</p>		