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# City of South Bend

## Animal Welfare Commission

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### Executive Session Minutes - December 7, 2023

Location: 13th floor meeting room, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN46601

The Animal Welfare Commission (AWC) met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. with Animal Welfare Commission members Dr. Mariah Covey, Christina Gerken, Becky Kaiser, Alicia Flores, and Mary Brazinsky Sears. Also present were Lindsay Cueller, SBARC Shelter Manager, Sandra Kennedy, Attorney for SBARC, Adam E. Taylor, Attorney for AWC, and Elizabeth Maradek, Director of NSE. The session was held in the 13th Floor Boardroom, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, Indiana for the purposes specified in I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation pending or threatened specifically in writing. The session ended at 6:32 p.m.

Approved by Secretary:

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Date:

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Dr. Mariah Covey    Christina Gerken    Rebecca Kaiser  
Mary Brazinsky    Alicia Flores



# City of South Bend

## Animal Welfare Commission

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### Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting December 7, 2023

Held in the Board of Public Works Conference Room, on the 13<sup>th</sup> floor of the County City Building, 227 West Jefferson Blvd. South Bend, IN 46601

This Meeting was live-streamed at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2023AWCHybrid>

Animal Welfare Commission Members Present: Dr. Mariah Covey, Christina Gerken, Becky Kaiser, Mary Sears, Alicia Flores

City Staff present: Lindsay Cueller, SBARC Shelter Manager, Sandra Kennedy – Corporation Counsel, Adam E. Taylor - Attorney for AWC

The meeting was called to order by Adam Taylor at 6:37:

1. Moved Privilege of the Floor to item 3 on meeting agenda. Mr. Derek Mangrum, of 813 S 28 St, South Bend, spoke regarding AWC ruling on 11/2/23 designating him a Habitual Animal Offender.
2. Ms. Connie Bellini, of 813 S 28 St, South Bend, spoke regarding AWC ruling on 11/2/23 designating her a Habitual Animal Offender.
3. Colton, of 813 S 28 St, South Bend, spoke in favor of his dogs regarding AWC ruling on 11/2/23.
4. Motion to table approval of minutes.
5. Review of Intake, RTO, Transfers, Adoptions, and Euthanasia numbers and received updates from Animal Resource Manager.
6. Motion to elect Christina Gerken Chair of the Animal Welfare Commission, nomination of Mary Sears to Vice Chair of Animal Welfare Commission, nomination of Alicia Flores Secretary of Animal Welfare Commission. Approved unanimously.
7. Discussion of Bellini judicial review.
8. Counsel report on best practices for determining designation of Habitual Animal Offender.
9. Motion to adjourn approved.

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### Executive Session Minutes – December 14, 2023

Location: 13th floor meeting room, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN46601

The Animal Welfare Commission (AWC) met in Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. with Animal Welfare Commission members Christina Gerken, Becky Kaiser, Alicia Flores, and Mary Brazinsky Sears. Also present were Lindsay Cueller, SBARC Shelter Manager, Sandra Kennedy, Attorney for SBARC, Adam E. Taylor, Attorney for AWC, and Elizabeth Maradek, Director of NSE. The session was held in the 13th Floor Boardroom, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, Indiana for the purposes specified in I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation pending or threatened specifically in writing. The session ended at 6:15 p.m.

Approved by Secretary:

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Date:

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Mary Brazinsky      Alicia Flores



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## Animal Welfare Commission

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### Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, December 14, 2023

Location: 13th floor meeting room, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN46601

This meeting was live-streamed at the following link : <https://tinyurl.com/2023AWCHybrid>

Animal Welfare Commission Members Present in person: Rebecca Kaiser, Christina Gerken, and Alicia Flores

City staff present: Lindsay Cuellar – SBARC Shelter Manager, Sandra Kennedy – Attorney for SBARC, Adam E. Taylor – Attorney for AWC.

This meeting was called to order by Christina Gerken at 7:17 pm.

1. Roll call taken.
2. Motion to change agenda to remove Agenda Item 4; motion approved.
3. Discussion of Bellini Judicial Review, Cause No. 71C01-2311-MI-000822; Motion to approve settlement offer to dismiss Judicial Review Petition and schedule a re-hearing de novo on Bellini and Mangrum Habitual Animal Offender case 2023-07.
4. Privilege of the floor – no members of the public appeared or spoke.
5. Motion to adjourn passed.

Approved by Secretary:

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Date:

1/11/24

Dr. Mariah Covey      Christina Gerken      Rebecca Kaiser  
Mary Brazinsky      Alicia Flores