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# City of South Bend

## *Animal Welfare Commission*

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### **Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, April 16, 2024**

Location: 4th floor meeting room, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601

This meeting was live-streamed at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2024AWCHybrid>

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 Chairperson Christina Gerken at 6:01 pm.

1. Chairperson Gerken took a roll call.
2. A hearing was called by Hearing Officer Adam Taylor in Case: 2024-04: M. Balenton to determine whether respondent should be labeled a habitual animal offender. M. Balenton, respondent, appeared in person. Commissioners determined that the respondent was a habitual animal offender and entered an order requiring the respondent to spay and neuter his animals and construct a five sided kennel.
3. March minutes were approved by motion
4. SBARC Director Cuellar spoke concerning Monthly Shelter Reports.
5. Adam Taylor gave counsel report.
6. Privilege of the Floor was opened and there was not input from the public.
7. The meeting was adjourned by motion.

Approved by Secretary:

Date:

5/9/24

**Dr. Mariah Covey**

**Mary Brazinsky**

**Christina Gerken**

**Alicia Flores**

**Rebecca Kaiser**