



# City of South Bend

## Animal Welfare Commission

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### Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, October 24, 2024

Location: 4th floor, 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, Jessica McClain – Attorney for SBARC, Adam Taylor– Attorney for AWC.

1. This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Christina Gerken at 6:01 pm.
2. Chairperson Gerken took a roll call and a quorum of Commissioners were present.
3. Chairperson Gerken took a roll call.
4. A hearing was called by Hearing Officer Adam Taylor in Case: 2024-09: to determine whether a dog is vicious: Dog “Sarge” (owned/harbored by N. Schaffer, D. Schaffer, A. Schaffer, and J. Schaffer). Dog was determined to be vicious and ordered to be euthanized by SBARC.
5. A hearing was called by Hearing Officer Adam Taylor in Case: 2024-09: To determine whether an individual shall be labeled a habitual Animal Offender (N. Schaffer). Respondent did not appear. Order given to prohibit animal ownership for life within South Bend city limits. Animals owned or harbored by N. Schaffer must be removed from the home within 10 business days. Animals that are cleared for adoption must be adopted out.
6. The meeting was adjourned by motion.

Approved by Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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