



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, June 23, 2015**  
**10:00 AM**

LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, ROOM 1060  
200 NORTH SPRING STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

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Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de notificar a la oficina con 24 horas de anticipo.

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

**1. Barking Dog Case: BD 151003 EV**

Respondent: Michelle Ronlevy and Divina Mercado

Complaining Witness: Ashwani Rohilla

North Central Animal Care and Control: Captain Wendell Bowers

**II. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** - (Comments from the public on items of public interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction that are not on the Agenda; two minutes per speaker).

**Public Comments:** The Brown Act prohibits the Board and staff from responding to the speakers' comments. Some of the matters raised in public comment may appear on a future agenda.

## **2. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A.** Board Recognition of LAASEE Award Recipients (Action Item; Public comment limited to one minute per speaker):
  - a. Lori Weise, Executive Director, Downtown Dog Rescue
  - b. Dr. Rolando Vasquez (Posthumous), Veterinarian, North Figueroa Animal Hospital
  - c. Mark Dodge, Co-Founder, FixNation
- B.** Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of May 26, 2015 (Action Item; public comment limited to one minute per speaker).
- C.** Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of June 9, 2015 (Action Item; public comment limited to one minute per speaker).

## **3. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER** (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).

## **4. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).

## **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A.** Update on Playgroup Classes and Presentation of Certificates of Completion by Cmdr. Dedeaux and Robert Cabral (Public comment limited to one minute)

## **6. BOARD REPORTS**

- A.** Board Report to Accept ASPCA Grant in the Amount of \$400,000 to Allow for Fee Waived Public Adoptions of Cats and Fee Waived New Hope Partner Adoptions of Cats, Pit Bull/Mixes and Chihuahuas/Mixes (Action Item. Public comment limited to two minutes per speaker)
- B.** Animal Welfare Trust and Animal Sterilization Fund Balances and Update on Approved Expenditures (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker)

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Commission Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., July 14, 2015, at City Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 1060, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

**AGENDAS** - The Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) meets regularly every second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month at 10:00 A.M. Regular Meetings are held at City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Room 1060, in Los Angeles, CA 90012. Evening Meetings are held in various locations throughout the City, from 7:00 to approximately 9:30 P.M. The agendas for Board meetings contain a brief general description of those items to be considered at the meetings. Board Agendas are available at the Department of Animal Services (Department), Administrative Division, 200 North Spring Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Board Agendas may also be viewed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Public Bulletin Board in City Hall East, 200 North Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Internet users may also access copies of present and prior agenda items, copies of the Board Calendar, MP-3 audio files of meetings as well as electronic copies of approved minutes on the Department's World Wide Web Home Page site at <http://www.laanimalservices.com/CommissionAgendas.htm>

Three (3) members of the Board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Some items on the Agenda may be approved without any discussion.

The Board Secretary will announce the items to be considered by the Board. The Board will hear the presentation on the topic and gather additional information from Department Staff. Once presentations have finished, the Board President will ask if any Board Member or member of the public wishes to speak on one or more of these items. Each speaker called before the Commission will have one (1) minute to express their comments and concerns on matters placed on the agenda. (For certain agenda items, speakers will have two (2) minutes.)

**PUBLIC INPUT AT BOARD MEETINGS – Public Participation on Agenda Items.** Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Board on agenda items after the item is called and before the Board takes action on the item, unless the opportunity for public participation on the item was previously provided to all interested members of the public at a public meeting of a Committee of the Board and the item has not substantially changed since the Committee heard the item. When speaking to an agenda item other than during Public Comment (see Public Comment below), the speaker shall limit his or her comments to the specific item under consideration (California Government Code, Section 54954.3).

**Public Comment.** The Board will provide an opportunity for public comment at every regular meeting of the Board. Members of the public may address the Board on any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board as part of Public Comment.

**Speaker Cards.** Members of the public wishing to speak are to fill out one speaker card for each agenda item on which they wish to speak and present it to the Board secretary **before** the item is called.

**Time Limit for Speakers.** Speakers addressing the Board will be limited to one (1) minute of speaking time for each agenda item except during general public comment period which is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. (For certain agenda items, speakers will have two (2) minutes each.). The Chairperson, with the approval of a majority of the Board, may for good cause extend any speaker's time by increments of up to one (1) minute.

**Brown Act.** These rules shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code Section § 54950 et seq.

**STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.** Speakers are expected to behave in an orderly manner and to refrain from personal attacks or use of profanity or language that may incite violence.

All persons present at Board meetings are expected to behave in an orderly manner and to refrain from disrupting the meeting, interfering with the rights of others to address the Board and/or interfering with the

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conduct of business by the Board.

In the event that any speaker does not comply with the foregoing requirements, or if a speaker does not address the specific item under consideration, the speaker may be ruled out of order, their speaking time forfeited and the Chairperson may call upon the next speaker.

The Board, by majority vote, may order the removal from the meeting of any speaker or audience member continuing to behave in a disruptive manner after being warned by the Chairperson regarding their behavior. Section 403 of the California Penal Code states as follows: "Every person who, without authority of law, willfully disturbs or breaks up any assembly or meeting that is not unlawful in its character, other than an assembly or meeting referred to in Section 302 of the Penal Code or Section 18340 of the Elections Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

**VOTING AND DISPOSITION OF ITEMS** – Most items require a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board (3 members). When debate on an item is completed, the Board President will instruct the Secretary to "call the roll". Every member present must vote for or against each item; abstentions are not permitted unless there is a Conflict of Interest for which the Board member is obliged to abstain from voting. The Secretary will announce the votes on each item. Any member of the Board may move to "reconsider" any vote on any item on the agenda, except to adjourn, suspend the Rules, or where an intervening event has deprived the Board of jurisdiction, providing that said member originally voted on the prevailing side of the item. The motion to "reconsider" shall only be in order once during the meeting, and once during the next regular meeting. The member requesting reconsideration shall identify for all members present the Agenda number and subject matter previously voted upon. A motion to reconsider is not debatable and shall require an affirmative vote of three members of the Board.

When the Board has failed by sufficient votes to approve or reject an item, and has not lost jurisdiction over the matter, or has not caused it to be continued beyond the next regular meeting, the issue is again placed on the next agenda for the following meeting for the purpose of allowing the Board to again vote on the matter.

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES  
BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL HEARINGS**

**To Be Held:  
Tuesday, June 23, 2015  
10:00 A.M.**

**City Hall  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012**

This serves as formal notice pursuant to Section § 53.18(q) 4 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to the following parties and witnesses in the appeal(s) listed below:

- 1. Barking Dog Case: BD 151003 EV**  
**Respondent:** Michelle Ronlevy and Divina Mercado  
East Valley Animal Care and Control: Captain Wendell Bowers  
Complaining Witness: Ashwani Rohilla

These hearings will not be rescheduled, except for good cause.

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