



MINUTES  
ACC BOARD MEETING VIRTUAL  
Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Attendees: Patrick Nolan, Chair  
Denise Incandela, Co-Chair  
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary  
Elaine Keane, Treasurer  
Neil Abramson  
Yonaton Aronoff  
Adrian Ashby  
Sarah Aucoin  
Caren Fleit  
Jason Power  
Corinne Schiff

The meeting commenced at 9:30am. Chairman, Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2022. Motion was seconded and all voted in favor to approve.

Patrick introduced ACC's newest board member Jason Power, who spoke briefly about his background and interest in animal welfare and ACC.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee – Jason Power, Chair of the Audit Committee advised that the committee met to review the draft Audit Report with ACC's auditors from Rosenberg & Manente. The committee was satisfied with the report and recommended its presentation to the full board for a vote at the board meeting today.

Development Committee – Patrick reported on behalf the committee Chair, Dr. Gross, who was unable to attend the board meeting. The Committee is focusing on ACC's Campaign for the Future with regard to the new facilities/capital projects; Spring Fling; and working with the ACC Marketing Team to raise awareness.

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## Election of Officers

The board agreed to reappoint the following officers: Patrick Nolan, Chair and Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary. Jason Power was appointed Treasurer. A motion to approve the officers was made, seconded and approved. Patrick advised that Denise Incandela has stepped down from her position as Vice Chair.

## Committees of the Board

Members are as follows:

Executive - Patrick Nolan, Chair; Denise Incandela; Yonaton Aronoff; Caren Fleit; Corrine Schiff; Elaine Keane

Audit - Jason Power, Chair; Patrick Nolan; Yonaton Aronoff; Elaine Keane

Nominating - Denise Incandela, Chair; Neil Abramson; Sarah Aucoin; Patrick Nolan; Caren Fleit; Corrine Schiff

Development - Dennis Gross, Chair; Patrick Nolan; Dr. Jay Kuhlman; Jason Power

Patrick noted that the Queens ACC Committee will be reactivated to align with the opening of the new care center.

## FY'22 Financial Audit Review

Gina Manente of Rosenberg and Manente, PLLC presented the Draft Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The auditors reported that the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of ACC as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in its consolidated net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the US. The board made a motion to approve the audit and the motion was passed. The final version of the financial statement was posted on the ACC website following the meeting.

## FY 23 Year to Date Preliminary (Unaudited) Finance Report

Jeff Hauser of Kiwi Partners presented the preliminary finance report covering 6 months ending December 2022. The financials as presented only contemplates shelter operations at the current facilities and does not include expenses related to the Queens capital project. ACC has increased its total net assets during YTD December 2022 by \$1.07 million. System issues prevented submission of invoices for November and December which reflected an increase in unrestricted assets. ACC's unrestricted net assets increased by \$74k YTD compared to YTD budget of \$37k.

Shelter revenue, giving and event revenue totaled \$2.2m YTD FY22 compared to \$1.85m in the budget and \$1.66m in the prior year. ACC has \$9 million of net assets as of December 2022 with \$2 million temporarily restricted for use between FY23 and FY24. ACC did not need to use its line of credit in 2022 because of previous fundraising activity, timely DOH vouchering and collections.

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Jennifer DiClemente, ACC's Director of Development presented the year to date report on fundraising. She noted a strong start to FY23, coming in ahead of FY22 at the six-month mark. It was noted that institutional giving is strong, with continued support from ACC's top foundation funders. ACC is on track to meet its FY23 fundraising goals. Other highlights include: the addition of 2 staff members to the development team; strongest Giving Tuesday results this year, with over \$65,000 in revenue; Spring Fling will return in person on May 5, 2023 at the National Arts Club; launch of New York's Kindest Legacy Society will begin this spring; formal launch and fundraising around the Campaign for the Future will kick off in February.

### Capital Improvements Update

Alexandra Silver, Director of the Mayor's Office of Animal Welfare Community Affairs Unit explained the relationship of the Community Affairs Unit with the animal welfare community and presented an update of the city-funded capital projects.

- There was a grand opening on October 26<sup>th</sup> of the Staten Island Animal Care Center with a dedication ceremony in honor of Tommy Monahan, a young boy who loved all animals and who lost his life in a fire while attempting to rescue his pets. The Mayor, Commissioner of the Department of Health, the SI Borough President among many others attended the ceremony.
- The Manhattan Pet Adoption Center construction is expected to be substantially completed this Spring and expected to be opened to the public in July 2023. Installation of finishes and painting is ongoing and the mechanical, electrical and plumbing work is in progress
- The construction project in the Bronx kicked off on November 3, 2023. The contractor for the project is in the process of mobilizing for construction. Weekly meetings with DOH, DDC, ACC, the architect, the construction team and others are in place. Completion and opening to the public is expected in spring 2025.
- The Brooklyn Animal Care Center total renovation project is expected to begin in Spring of 2023 and substantial completion is anticipated in Summer 2025.

### Queens Update

Risa Weinstock, ACC President & CEO, continued the presentation of capital projects with the status of the construction in Queens. She advised that when construction of the Queens Animal Care Center is completed the Brooklyn Care Center will be closed so that construction there can take place more expeditiously and safely without animals or people in the building. Brooklyn's operations will be moved to the new Queens site and ACC has plans to open a resource center in Brooklyn during construction. The need for continuous funding for operations in all the new facilities is at the heart of ACC's latest fundraising effort, The Campaign for the Future. Through this campaign ACC seeks to raise \$5million to ensure operations continue and ACC's work in any financial climate.

Dr. Brennen, Vice President and Director of Medical Operations described the design of the Queens Animal Care Center and how it will enhance the welfare of the animals and staff. There will be increased medical capabilities that will allow appropriate separation of species and patients in recovery will have their own area. It was emphasized that the size of the new care center is not intended to pack more animals inside. It is intended to do quality work, with the proper room to ensure the health and welfare of both animals and staff.

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## ACC Report

Risa Weinstock, President and CEO, reported on intake and outcomes for the calendar year. She noted the significant increase in intake during the summer, especially guinea pigs. ACC testified this summer before city council on the proposed bill banning the sale of guinea pigs in pet shops. Owner surrender made up 28% and stray was 24%, and intake for end of life services increased 9% over the previous year.

Next, Ellen Curtis, Sr. VP, Chief Programs Officer, explained how ACC plays a significant role in helping people and pets in the community. She noted that nearly 4,000 pets were able to stay with their families and expressed her thanks and appreciation for the grants received from the ASPCA ACTION Grant, Irving and Phyllis Millstein Foundation, New York Community Trust and Laura J. Niles Foundation. These grants enable ACC to provide pet food distribution (bi-weekly at food pantries); free spay/neuter surgeries; and wellness and vaccine clinics.

Ellen discussed the placement rate, highlighting that New Hope placement of dogs and cats, and adoption to the public increased. There were 21 New Hope partners added, making a total of 249 active partners in 2022. The Foster Program also saw positive growth. There were 1,893 new foster parents added. Orientations are ongoing with a new focus on guinea pig and rabbit fosters to keep pace with the increase in intake. Volunteer hours increased over 6,000 in 2022 and more new volunteer orientations were added.

In concluding the presentation, a video of a senior dog, Gertie was shown. Gertie was featured in a "Take A BowWow" promotion and found a forever home with the combined efforts of the cast from the Broadway show Take Me Out and ACC staff.