

## MINUTES

**Meeting:** Animal Services Classification Committee

**In Attendance Committee Members:**

Chair: Vicky Otero, Vice-Chair: Justin Duff, Kathy Burns, Deputy Brian Martin, Dr. Angela Avok, Adrienne Sears

**Date:** July 18, 2019

**Non-Attendance Committee Members:**

Robert Clark, George Hollabaugh, Bonita Scase

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

**Guests:**

Joseph Baker, Casanova Baker, Attorney, Thomas Nicholl, Jim Haghayegh, Hannah Biemiller, Carlos Oseda Sr., Carlos Oseda, Lisa Amat

**Place:** 2002A Michigan St  
Orlando, FL 32806

**Staff:**

Peggy Meeks, Jacqueline Caraballo, Kim Richbourg, Adolphus Thompson, Adam Camacho, Rebekah Lewis, Bryant Almedia, Sarabeth Espinoza

**Reported By:** Vicky Otero

<u>Item</u>	<u>"Track by"</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
I.	<b><u>For Record (FR)</u></b>		There being a quorum, Chair, opened the hearing at 18:45 hours
II.	<b><u>FR</u></b>		Chair conducted introduction of board members, explained role of the Animal Services Classification Committee
III.	<b><u>Old Business</u></b>		Chair asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the minutes from May 2, 2019. No questions. Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes. Burns made the motion, second by Dr. Avok. Approved unanimously.
IV.	<b><u>New Business</u></b>		Chair opened case 19-20324 on appeal for dog, Kayto, owned by Joseph Baker. Adolphus Thompson, Assistant County Attorney, clarified the records the Board received and reviewed were from the Initial Determination Hearing. Vice Chair recused himself due to Duff's law firm represents the victim in this case. Animal Services Officer (ASO) Rebekah Lewis testified. Nicholl cross examined ASO Lewis, ASO Lewis responded. ASO Adam Camacho testified. Thompson cross examined ASO Camacho, ASO Camacho responded. Nicholl has no questions for ASO Camacho. Jim Haghayegh-minor victim's father/witness testified. Thompson cross examined Haghayegh, Haghayegh responded. Caraballo entered the entire case file for the record. Dylan Haghayegh-minor victim was not present. Nicholl cross examined Haghayegh, Haghayegh responded. Nicholl entered a packet of affidavits and photographs into evidence. Nicholl made a statement. Deputy Martin questioned Nicholl. Chair allowed character witness testimony. Testimony was made by Hannah Biemiller, Carlos Oseda Sr., Carlos Oseda, and Lisa Amat. Nicholl made a statement. Mrs.

Baker made a statement. Thompson questioned Mrs. Baker, Baker responded. Joseph Baker made a statement. Board requested a recess. Chair re-opened the hearing at 20:05. Thompson asked the Nicholl if they rest their case. Nicholl made a closing statement. Thompson made a closing statement. Deputy Martin read definition for penalty of euthanasia. Caraballo read the definition of severe injury from Florida State Statue. Thompson continued closing statement. Caraballo addressed the Board. Mr. Baker made a statement. Chair asked the Board if they have any questions. Sears questioned the Baker's, The Baker's responded. Dr. Avok questioned the Baker's, the Baker's responded. Burns questioned the Baker's, the Baker's responded. Burns questioned Haghayegh, Haghayegh responded. Burns questioned ASO Lewis, ASO Lewis responded. Deputy Martin questioned Haghayegh and the Baker's, both parties responded. Chair motioned to uphold classification of Dangerous, second by Burns. Board voted 5-0. Kayto remains classified as Dangerous. Chair motioned to dismiss the penalty of euthanasia. Board voted 5-0. Kayto will not be euthanized. Chair made the Baker's aware the next step in the appeal process.

V. Non-Agenda Items

VI. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:25 hours.

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Prepared by: Jacqueline Caraballo

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Attest: Committee Member

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**NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINE**