

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

350 E. Dahlia Ave., Palmer, Alaska 99645

## CHAIRPERSON

Daniel Bowen, Acting

## VICE CHAIR

Vacant



## BOARD MEMBERS

Terry Dennison  
Sally Pollen

## ALTERNATE

Daniel Bowen

## AGENDA

### ANIMAL CARE AND REGULATION BOARD BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS 350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

**CLASSIFICATION HEARING**

**10 A.M.**

**APRIL 25, 2025**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. AC&R Case No. 25-01, Appeal the Level 1 Classification of Oakley, Arizona Dodd and Vanessa Pool, Appellants

1. Opening Presentation by Borough Staff (*15 minutes collectively – the Board and the owner/appellant shall have the opportunity to question all Borough staff that make a presentation or otherwise offer testimony to the board*)

a. John Aschenbrenner, Deputy Borough Attorney

2. Opening Presentation by Animal Owner (*15 minutes collectively – the Board and the Borough shall have the opportunity to question the owner(s)/appellant(s) who make a presentation or otherwise offer testimony to the board*)

a. Arizona Dodd and/or Vanessa Pool, Appellants

3. Victim Statements (*15 minutes – the Board, the Borough, and the owner/appellant shall have the opportunity to question the victim or victim owner*)

a. Roger Register

4. Witness Statements (*5 minutes - the Board, Borough staff, and the*

*owner/appellant shall have the opportunity to question witnesses)*

- a. Matthew Hardwig, Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer
  - b. Rachel Brown, Deputy Animal Care and Regulation Officer
  - c. Other Witnesses as Approved by the Animal Care and Regulation Board
5. Closing Remarks by Animal Owner *(10 minutes collectively)*
    - a. Arizona Dodd and/or Vanessa Pool
  6. Closing Remarks by Borough *(10 minutes)*
    - a. John Aschenbrenner, Deputy Borough Attorney

## V. ADJUDICATORY SESSION

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

*(Immediately following appeal hearing. The Board may recess briefly before conducting the regular meeting)*

- I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
  - a. Elect Chairperson
  - b. Elect Vice Chairperson
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. August 13, 2024
  - b. September 17, 2024
- III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION *(3 minutes each)*
- IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
  - a. Report from Animal Care and Regulation Staff
- V. BOARD COMMENTS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Animal Care and Regulation Board was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairperson Patricia Hurt.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Patricia Hurt, Chairperson  
Sally Pollen  
Terry Dennison  
Daniel Bowen

Board members absent and excused were:

Georgia Knazovich

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Hurt queried if there was any objection to the agenda as presented.

There were no objections noted.

**III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

A. Hearing, BOAA Case No. 24-02, Appeal the approval of the preliminary plat for Lazy Moose Run Subdivision, Abby Pochatko, Appellant

1. Borough Staff (*15 Minutes – the Board and the appellant/owner shall have the opportunity to ask questions*)

a. Erin Dooling, Assistant Borough Attorney

Ms. Dooling requested to share her time with Chief Hardwig.

Chairperson Hurt queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Erin Dooling provided her opening statement.

No questions were asked of Ms. Dooling.

Matt Hardwig, Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer

Provided his opening statement.

Chairperson Hurt asked questions of Chief Hardwig.

Ryan Ackles asked questions of Chief Hardwig.

2. Opening Presentation by Appellant (*15 minutes – the Board and the Borough shall have the opportunity to ask questions*)
  - a. Ryan Ackles

Ryan Ackles provided his opening presentation.

Sally Pollen asked questions of Ryan Ackles.

3. Victim Statements (*15 minutes – the Board, the Borough, and the Appellant shall have the opportunity to ask questions*)
  - a. No victim listed in witness lists.
4. Witness statements (5 minutes – The Board, the Borough, and the appellant shall have the opportunity to ask questions.)
  - a. Wyatt Anderson

Wyatt Anderson, Deputy Animal Care and Regulation Officer

Lindsay Anderson, mother of minor victim, asked questions of Wyatt Anderson.

Terry Dennison asked questions of Wyatt Anderson

Chairperson Hurt asked questions of Wyatt Anderson.

- b. Any witness on the Appellant’s Witness List
- c. Any witness mentioned in the record on appeal
- d. Any witness needed to impeach the testimony of another witness
- e. Any witness needed to lay the foundation for the admission into evidence of any document contained in Appellant’s exhibits
- f. Any rebuttal witness as may become apparent at the time of the hearing.

[Clerk’s note: No witnesses testified under items b. through f.]

## V. ADJUDICATORY SESSION

MOTION: Daniel Bowen moved to enter adjudicatory session.

There was no objection noted and the Board entered adjudicatory session at 10:31 a.m.

MOTION: Daniel Bowen moved to exit adjudicatory session.

There was no objection noted and the Board exited adjudicatory session at 12 p.m.

Chair Hurt requested Ms. Henry to read the draft notice of right to appeal and final decision into the record.

MOTION: Daniel Bowen moved to approve the notice of right to appeal and final decision as read into the record by the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed with Patricia Hurt opposed.

REGULAR MEETING (Immediately following appeal hearing. The Board may recess briefly)

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### A. April 17, 2024

Chairperson Hurt queried if there were any changes to the minutes.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved without objection.

## II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no one present who wished to testify.

## III. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Report by Animal Care Staff

Chief Matt Hardwig, reported on the activities of the shelter.

## VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Chairperson Hurt opined that this was a convoluted case and poorly investigated.

Ms. Pollen stated that it was a hard case for her.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

ANIMAL CARE AND REGULATION BOARD

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, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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BRENDA J. HENRY, MMC  
Assistant Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved:

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Daniel Bowen

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**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Hurt queried if there was any objection to the agenda as presented.

There were no objections noted.

**III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Chairperson Hurt noted that the Clerk has requested to address the body and queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. Henry advised that the appellant sent her an email requesting to withdraw the appeal. Noted that code does not provide for any kind of a refund. Noted it is up to the Board if they want to accept the withdrawal. Stated that should they decide to accept the withdrawal that they can issue some sort of notice, but that is not necessary. Because the appeal is withdrawn, they level 4 classification stands.

Chairperson Hurt queried if there was any objection to accepting the withdrawal and allowing the level 4 classification to stand.

There was no objection noted.

[Clerk's Note: The appeal hearing was not conducted due to the appellant withdrawing the appeal and the Board moved immediately into the regular board meeting.]

A. Hearing, BOAA Case No. 24-03, Appeal the level 4 classification of Seren, Tracy Ducasse Appellant

1. ~~Opening Presentation Borough Staff (15 Minutes — the Board and the appellant/owner shall have the opportunity to ask questions)~~

a. ~~Erin Dooling, Assistant Borough Attorney~~

b. ~~Matt Hardwig, Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer~~

2. ~~Opening Presentation by Appellant (15 minutes — the Board and the Borough shall have the opportunity to ask questions)~~

a. ~~Tracy Ducasse~~

3. ~~Victim Statements (15 minutes — the Board, the Borough, and the Appellant shall have the opportunity to ask questions)~~

a. ~~No victim listed in witness lists.~~

4. ~~Witness statements (5 minutes — The Board, the Borough, and the appellant shall have the opportunity to ask questions.~~

a. ~~Rachel Brown~~

b. ~~Any witness on the Appellant's Witness List~~

c. ~~Any witness mentioned in the record on appeal~~

d. ~~Any witness needed to impeach the testimony of another witness~~

e. ~~Any witness needed to lay the foundation for the admission into evidence of any document contained in Appellant's exhibits~~

f. ~~Any rebuttal witness as may become apparent at the time of the hearing.~~

5. ~~Closing Remarks of Appellant~~

a. ~~Tracy Ducasse~~

6. ~~Closing remarks of Borough Staff~~

a. ~~Erin Dooling~~

V. ~~ADJUDICATORY SESSION~~

REGULAR MEETING (Immediately following appeal hearing. The Board may recess briefly)

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no one present who wished to testify.

III. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. Report by Animal Care Staff

Christopher Loscar, Animal Care Director, reported on the activities of the shelter.



Discussion ensued regarding:

- Upcoming spay/neuter clinics;
- Joint training with Emergency Services;
- Shelter capabilities;
- Success of the Miles for Mutts program; and
- How to visit the shelter.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

There were no comments provided

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

ANIMAL CARE AND REGULATION BOARD

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, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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BRENDA J. HENRY, MMC  
Assistant Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: