

**MARION COUNTY DOG CLASSIFICATION BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 31, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Dog Classification Board was held on May 31, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Marion County Growth Services Training Room, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, Florida.

Board members present: Chairman Linda Norman, Vice Chairman Debbie Carney, Mike Deen and alternate Barbara Tucker. Kerry Crawford and Eddie Leedy were excused absent. Animal Services Director Kyra Lynch, Board Attorney Valdoston Shealey and Board Secretary Andrea Davis were present.

Mike Deen made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 29, 2024 meeting. Second by Barbara Tucker. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A24-149100 AT

Melissa Walters

Melissa Walters requested a hearing regarding the classification of her dogs "Karma", "Zelda" and "Zena/Zyna".

Humane Investigator Alyson Trail presented proof of service, photos, and gave testimony.

Animal Control Officer Aaron Pierce was present and provided testimony.

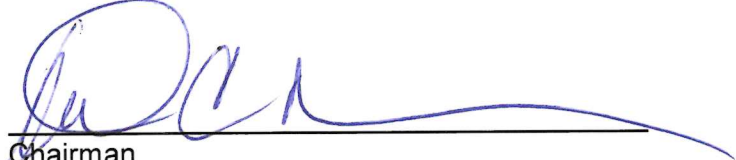
Bryan Hernandez and Melissa Walters were present and provided testimony.

Onaris Rodriguez and Jeysa Perez attended via Webex and provided testimony, with translation from Bryan Hernandez.

Jayda Walters, Nicole Woda, Sierra Smidt and Allen Lloyd were present and provided statements to the board on behalf of Melissa Walters.

Debbie Carney made a motion that the board finds that Animal Services has sufficient cause, per Marion County Code Chapter 4, Section 4-2 and Section 4-22 and Florida State Statute 767.12 to classify "Karma", "Zelda" and "Zena/Zyna" as Dangerous. Second by Barbara Tucker. After discussion, motion passed by unanimous decision.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.


Chairman

Renee Pierce - 7/3/24
Witness - Date Adopted