



**HEARING NOTES**

**Council Bill: 24-0553**

**Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission – Amendments**

**Committee:** Health, Environment, and Technology  
**Chaired by:** Councilwoman Danielle McCray

**Hearing Date:**  
**Time (Beginning):** 10:25 AM  
**Time (Ending):** 10:41 AM  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
**Total Attendance:** Approximately 29  
**Committee Members in Attendance:**  
Danielle McCray      Mark Conway      Ryan Dorsey  
James Torrence

Bill Synopsis in the file?.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Motioned by:</b> .....	<b>Dorsey</b>		
<b>Seconded by:</b> .....	<b>Torrence</b>		
<b>Final Vote:</b> .....	<b>Favorable</b>		

**Major Speakers**

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

Caroline Griffin: Former chair of the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission  
Jen Brause: Founder and Executive Director of BARCs

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**Major Issues Discussed**

1. Focused on amending the composition and procedures of the commission.
  2. Discussed the need for more frequent and effective meetings
  3. The underfunding of animal services and the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCs),
  4. A lack of proper investigation of animal cruelty cases by the Baltimore Police Department (BPD).
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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

**Yes**     **No**

**If yes, describe.**

1. Councilman Torrance requested a future meeting to discuss the procedures of BARCs and Animal Control, specifically regarding the spaying and neutering of animals without the owner's consent.
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**Committee Vote:**

D. McCray:.....Yea  
J. Bullock: .....Absent  
M. Conway: .....Yea  
R. Dorsey:.....Yea  
P. Porter: .....Absent  
J. Torrence: .....Yea  
I. Schleifer: .....Absent

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Committee Staff:    Deontre L. Hayes  
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Date: 9/12/24

**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL  
HEALTH, ENVIORNMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
VOTING RECORD**

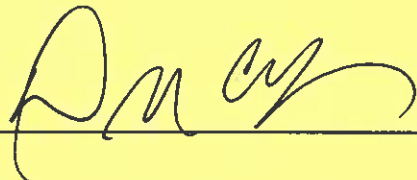
**COUNCIL BILL #: 24-0553    DATE: September 11, 2024**

**TITLE: Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission – Amendments**

**MOTION BY:** Dorsey                      **SECONDED BY:** Torrence

- FAVORABLE                       FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS  
 UNFAVORABLE                       WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
McCray, D.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bullock, J.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conway, M.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorsey, R.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schleifer, I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Porter, P.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Torrence, J.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>3</b>	

**CHAIR:** Danielle McCray x 

**COMMITTEE STAFF:** Deontre Hayes, Initials: DLH



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject: Council Bill</b> – Mayor’s Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission – Amendments	24-0553
<b>Committee:</b> Health, Environment, and Technology	<b>Chair:</b> Danielle McCray
<b>Date:</b> Wednesday, September 11, 2024	<b>Time:</b> 10:00 AM
<b>Location:</b> Council Chambers	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
Caroline	Griffin	1912 South Rd. Balto 21209 execdirector@griffin.com Former Chair, Animal Abuse Commission	✓	✓			✓
Jen	Brause	2490 Giles BARCJ	✓	✓			✓

\*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Health, Environment, and Technology

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Wednesday, September 11, 2024

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall, Phone:  
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Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?  
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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Present** 4 - Danielle N. McCray, Mark Conway, Ryan Dorsey, and James Torrence

**Absent** 3 - John T. Bullock, Phylicia Porter, and Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

#### **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

[24-0553](#)

##### **Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission - Amendments**

For the purpose of amending the composition of the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission; altering procedures for meetings of the Commission; providing for staff to the Commission; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission.

**Sponsors:** Administration City Council

**A motion was made by Dorsey, seconded by Torrence, that this Ordinance be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - McCray, Conway, Dorsey, and Torrence

**Absent:** 3 - Bullock, Porter, and "Yitzy" Schleifer

#### **ADJOURNMENT**