Board Members present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
Elaine Keane, Treasurer
Caren Fleit
Denise Incandela
Corinne Schiff
Yonaton Aronoff
Jessica Corey

The meeting was called to order at 11:01am. Chair, Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that City Council awarded ACC an additional $3 million funding for FY'19. With this additional funding ACC intends to enhance its adoption and community programs, strengthen medical and pet support services and purchase a mobile adoption vehicle.

Patrick welcomed and introduced Deputy Inspector Jessica Corey who is the alternate director who will represent Chief Hofmann of NYPD.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved.

FY 18 Forecast and FY 19 Budget Presentation
Joe Belan of BTQ Financial presented the financial report. Fiscal year 2018 is projected to end with an unrestricted surplus which is due to additional funding from DOHMH. Total expenses are higher than budget as a result of an increase in the cost of medical supplies and services. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2019 shows a break even bottom line on total revenues.
A motion was made to approve fiscal year 2019 budget and it was approved.
ACC Report
Risa Weinstock, President and CEO welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the City Council and Speaker Corey Johnson for their commitment to animal welfare in NYC and for the additional funding. Supplemental funding includes donations raised by the Development Department which exceeded the goal for FY 18. The ASPCA, Petco Foundation, Maddies Fund, Petsmart Charities and the Banfield Foundation were notable grant funders in FY 2018. In addition, ACC received discretionary funding from the Borough Presidents and City Council. There is an increase in legacy gifts and Risa noted that emphasis will be placed on planned giving in future fiscal years.

Data on animal intake/outcome for January through May of 2018 shows a continuous decline in intake due to programs ACC introduced to help individuals keep their pets. ACC is committed to working with the community to better understand the reasons behind owner surrender and stray animals coming into the care centers.

Placement rate for dogs is 92.5% and 95.4% for cats for this five month period. Risa acknowledged the New Hope Partners for their role in the placement of many animals. She also noted ACC’s work to promote more direct adoptions by continuing to be involved in the community through adoption events and various local partnerships to promote adoptions from ACC.

Dr. Robin Brennen, Senior Director, Veterinary Medicine spoke about the strategies to help keep animals healthy, stimulated and safe while in the care centers. Ellen Curtis, Senior Director, Strategic Operations discussed the programs to help place more animals through adoptions, including a mobile adoption events, community partnerships and the foster program.

Risa concluded her report by thanking everyone for their support of ACC especially the many ACC volunteers. She acknowledged the ACC volunteers in attendance at the meeting.

Update on Status of NYC Animal Shelter Capital Projects
Mario Merlino, Assistant Commissioner, NYC DOHMH presented an update on the capital improvements scheduled for or commenced at each of the centers in the five boroughs, including the key agencies involved and the roles of each agency.

Public Comment
Public comments were heard from 12:35pm until 1:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.