



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Fresno Chaffee Zoo

Tonle Classroom located inside of Kingdoms of Asia

894 West Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728

(559) 498-5910

1. Call to Order
VICE CHAIRMAN GARABEDIAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:06AM.
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, GILES, TOSTE, WATERHOUSE, AND ARIAS IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
MEMBER TOSTED MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MEMBER ARIAS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Public Comments
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. Attention is called to the fact that the Board is prohibited from taking any action on matters that are not on the agenda. Members of the public are limited to three minutes to speak during Public Comments as well as for each item on the agenda. Before beginning comments, please state for the record your name and affiliation, if any
HELD. NONE RECEIVED.
5. Approve Consent Agenda Items
These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Board, the public will be given the opportunity to remove any item from the Consent Calendar. Items removed from the Consent Calendar may be heard immediately following approval of the Consent Calendar:
 - a. Review and approve minutes of February 25, 2026
 - b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno March 2026 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$3,699.32 for services through January 2026
 - c. Receive Treasurer's Report for February 2026

MEMBER TOSTE PULLED ITEM 5b FROM CONSENT FOR DISCUSSION. MEMBER TOSTED MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMAINING CONSENT ITEMS. SECONDED BY MEMBER ARIAS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 5b WAS HEARD AND DISCUSSED. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ANSWERED REGARDING INVOICES, MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 5b. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's Report
CEO JON DOHLIN STATED HIS REPORT WOULD BE MOSTLY CONTAINED WITHIN THE NEW ENTRANCE PROJECT AGENDA ITEM.
7. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$4,231,019.39 for the completion of design and engineering services for the New Entrance project
MEMBER ROMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR MEASURE Z CAPITAL FUNDS. SECONDED BY MEMBER ARIAS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
8. Receive the Fresno Chaffee Zoo Financial Report December 2025 (unaudited) and January 2026 Year-to-Date Financial Report
RECEIVED. CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON THE ANALYSIS SUMMARY, ATTENDANCE, ADMISSIONS, PER CAPITA, HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS, FINANCIAL SUMMARY, AND THE BALANCE SHEET.
9. Receive and approve request from Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation to release remaining Measure Z budgeted funds from 2025 Exhibit Renovations and 2025 Animal Acquisitions back into the Measure Z capital fund in the amounts of \$80,405.94 and \$63,958.06, respectively
MEMBER WATERHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF MEASURE Z FUNDS. SECONDED BY MEMBER ROMAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - April 22, 2026
 - May 27, 2026
 - June 24, 2026**REVIEWED. NO REVISIONS NECESSARY.**
11. Receive staff reports
THE COORDINATOR STATED THAT DESIGN OF THE ANNUAL REPORT IS IN PROGRESS AND ANTICIPATES BRINGING IT BEFORE THE BOARD IN JUNE.
12. Chair's comments
SUPERVISOR MAGSIG HAD A TOUR OF THE ZOO. THANKED ALL. VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE ZOO. HE IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE. THANKED STAFF FOR HELP MOVING THE TRAIN.
13. Board Member comments
MEMBER ARIAS THANKED EVERYONE FOR THE HARD WORK ON THE ENTRANCE DESIGN.
14. Adjourn
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE CHAIRMAN GARABEDIAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:22 AM.

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, 2281 Tulare Street, Room 304, Fresno, 93721, during regular business hours.

For further information, please contact Ronald Alexander, Zoo Authority Coordinator, at 600-1710, email zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us, or visit www.zooauthority.org. Requests for disability-related modification or accommodation needed in order to participate in the meeting must be made to the Zoo Authority Coordinator no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day prior to the meeting.