



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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
CHAIRMAN ROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:02AM.
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, HERZOG, MARTINA, TOSTE, AND ARIAS IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
CHAIRMAN ROMAN REQUESTED THAT ITEMS 11 AND 13 BE TABLED TO A DATE UNCERTAIN. MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS REVISED. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. 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 June 25, 2025
 - b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno August 2025 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$11,722.60 for services through July 2025

- c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for fourth quarter, June, and July 2025
MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS. SECONDED BY MEMBER HERZOG. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE NEW ENTRANCE AND THE PARKING PROJECT.
7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corp year ended December 31, 2024 audited financial statements and agreed upon procedures from Price Paige & Company
RECEIVED. ROSY GONZALES WITH PRICE PAIGE & COMPANY REPORTED. ISSUED AN UNMODIFIED OPINION.
8. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo June 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Report
RECEIVED. CFO NORA CROW PROVIDED A JUNE 2025 ANALYSIS SUMMARY. REPORTED ON ATTENDANCE, HIGHLIGHTS & 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 Kingdoms of Asia Phase II (formerly Mixed Species Exhibit) back into the Measure Z capital fund in the amount of \$307,944.80 in construction funds
MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF REMAINING FUNDS. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Receive and approve request from Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation to release remaining Measure Z budgeted funds from Event Space project back into the Measure Z capital fund in the amount of \$96,825.25 in construction funds
MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF REMAINING FUNDS. SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
11. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$454,685.40 for the construction of the Lyles Admin Building Improvements Phase I
TABLED DURING APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
12. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$302,661.24 for the completion of the pre-design phase of work for the New Entrance project
MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FUNDING REQUEST. SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
13. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$1,499,975.00 for the furnishing and installation of the solar and associated electrical infrastructure related to the Maintenance Warehouse project
TABLED DURING APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
14. Receive presentation from Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation - Operational Sustainability: Pricing
RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN AND CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON OPERATING FUNDS AS A PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSES, REVIEWED THE OPERATIONAL FUNDING GAP, ADMISSIONS PRICING, AND PROJECTED FINANCIAL RESULTS.
15. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - September 24, 2025

- October 29, 2025
- November 19, 2025
- December 17, 2025

REVIEWED. A SPECIAL MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 AT 3:00PM. NO OTHER REVISIONS MADE.

16. Receive staff reports
NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.
17. Chair's comments
THANKED ALL FOR BEING IN ATTENDANCE.
18. Board Member comments
MEMBER ARIAS THANKED ALL AS WELL.
19. Adjourn
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:25 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.