



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, November 19, 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
VICE CHAIRMAN GARABEDIAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:03AM.
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS GARABEDIAN, GILES, HERZOG, TOSTE, AND WATERHOUSE IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MEMBER GILES. 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 October 29, 2025
 - b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno November 2025 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$4,801.90 for services through September 2025
 - c. Receive Treasurer's Report for October 2025

MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN REPORTED ON THE NEW ENTRANCE DESIGN, THE NEW CALIFORNIA EXHIBIT, AND THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY.
7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo September 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Report
RECEIVED. CFO NORA CROW PROVIDED A SEPTEMBER 2025 ANALYSIS SUMMARY. REPORTED ON ATTENDANCE, HIGHLIGHTS & LOWLIGHTS, FINANCIAL SUMMARY, AND THE BALANCE SHEET.
8. Receive and approve request from Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation to release remaining Measure Z budgeted funds from Reclaimed Water Project back into the Measure Z capital fund in the amount of \$7,730.57 construction funds
MEMBER TOSTE REQUESTED THAT THE ZOO PROVIDE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY REGARDING THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER DURING A DROUGHT. JOH DOHLIN STATED HE WOULD OBTAIN WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION. MEMBER WATERHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF FUNDS. SECONDED BY MEMBER HERZOG. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's fiscal year 2025 Measure Z Operating funds totaling \$7,442,000, for reimbursement of Animal Care, Commissary, Veterinary, and Maintenance & Horticulture Salaries and Benefits, Animal Feed, Animal Exhibit Supplies, Veterinary Supplies, Water Quality Supplies, Utilities and Bank Fees to wire reimbursement funds to the Zoo, and fiscal year 2026 Measure Z Capital funds totaling \$1,025,503, for animal acquisitions/shipping and facility/exhibit renovations and repairs
MEMBER WATERHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE OPERATING FUNDS BUDGET. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Approve and adopt the 2026 Zoo Authority regular board meeting calendar as outlined in Attachment A.
MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS GIVEN THE HOLIDAYS: MOVE THE NOVEMBER MEETING TO THE 18TH AND MOVE THE DECEMBER MEETING TO THE 16TH. SECONDED BY MEMBER HERZOG. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
11. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - December 17, 2025
NO REVISIONS MADE.
12. Receive staff reports
THE COORDINATOR INQUIRED ABOUT WHEN TO AGENDIZE A REVIEW OF THE ZOO AUTHORITY'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT, WHICH WAS DECIDED TO GO BEFORE THE BOARD IN JANUARY.
13. Chair's comments
THANKED FOR ALL BEING IN ATTENDANCE. RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT PARKING AND THE NEW ENTRANCE.
14. Board Member comments
NO FURTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED.

15. Adjourn

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE CHAIRMAN
GARABEDIAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:56 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.