



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, January 28, 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
CHAIRMAN ROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:07AM
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, GILES, HERZOG, TOSTE, AND WATERHOUSE IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Nominations and election of Board Officers for 2026
NOMINATION FOR CHAIRMAN: MEMBER WATERHOUSE NOMINATED MICHELLE ROMAN AS CHAIRMAN AND ALSO MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION. SECONDED BY MEMBER GILES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIRMAN: MEMBER TOSTE NOMINATED MEMBER GARABEDIAN AS VICE CHAIRMAN AND ALSO MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. 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.
6. 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 December 17, 2025
- b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno January 2026 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$27,554.99 for services through December 2025
- c. Receive Treasurer's Report for December 2025

MEMBER TOSTE REQUESTED ADDITIONAL DATES TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE INVOICE. MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo November 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Report
RECEIVED. CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON THE NOVEMBER FINANCIALS, ATTENDANCE, ADMISSIONS, PER CAPITA SPENDING, HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS, FINANCIAL SUMMARY, AND THE BALANCE SHEET.
8. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$4,311,019.39 for the completion of design and engineering services for the New Entrance project
FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, A REQUEST WAS MADE TO MEET WITH ZOO CORP BOARD MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT. MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM. SECONDED BY MEMBER GILES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Review and discuss the Fresno County Zoo Authority Procedures for Approving and Administering Measure Z Funds and, should the Board propose any amendments thereto, direct staff to prepare a revised document for Board approval during the next regularly scheduled Board meeting
REVIEWED AND PROVIDED RECOMMENDED REVISIONS.
10. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - February 25, 2026
 - March 25, 2026
 - April 22, 2026**REVIEWED. NO REVISIONS NECESSARY.**
11. Receive staff reports
NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.
12. Chair's comments
ROMAN THANKED ALL FOR NOMINATING HER AS CHAIRMAN AGAIN.
13. Board Member comments
MEMBER TOSTE MENTIONED THE RECYCLE BIN NEAR THE ENTRANCE IS UNSIGHTLY AND RECOMMENDED MOVING IT. MEMBER HERZOG THANKED ALL FOR SPEAKING UP REGARDING THE DESIGN OF THE NEW ENTRY. MEMBER GARABEDIAN REMINDED ALL OF SAFARI NIGHT AND RECOMMENDED SOMEONE ON THE ZOO CORP BOARD ATTEND THESE MEETINGS REGULARLY. MEMBER TOSTE REMINDED ALL THAT THERE MAY BE THREE NEW BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SOON, WHICH MAY EFFECT THOSE ON THIS BOARD. MEMBER ROMAN PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE TRAIN.

14. Adjourn

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:32 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.