



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, May 28, 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, WATERHOUSE, AND ARIAS IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. 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 March 26, 2025
 - b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno May 2025 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$22,144.51 for services through April 2025
 - c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for 3rd Quarter and April 2025

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

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN INTRODUCED CHRIS GREY, NEW DIRECTOR OF CAPITAL PROJECTS. REPORTED ON MAINTENANCE FACILITY PROGRESS. REPORTED ON ENTRY PROGRESS. SUBMITTED RPF. INTERVIEWED FOUR FIRMS. IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTION. REPORTED ON PARKING.
7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo March 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Report
RECEIVED. CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON ATTENDANCE IN MARCH, PARTIAL OPENING OF BIG BUGS EXHIBIT, SELF-GENERATED REVENUE YEAR TO DATE, TOTAL EXPENSES, OPERATING DEFICIT, OPERATING SURPLUS, AND NET DEFICIT. REPORTED ON MARCH YEAR TO DATE ADMISSIONS BREAKDOWN, WHICH COMPARED MARCH 2025 TO MARCH 2024 ADMISSIONS. REPORTED ON VARIANCE ANALYSIS VS BUDGET: PRIMARILY THE MEMBERSHIP PORTION OF REVENUES. REPORTED ON PER CAPITA SPENDING.
8. Receive and approve request from Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation to release remaining Measure Z budgeted funds from Conservation Action Center back into the Measure Z capital fund in the amount of \$309,560.22 in construction funds
RECEIVED. MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF REMAINING MEASURE Z FUNDS. SECONDED BY MEMBER HERZOG. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Receive Zoo Authority Year Ended June 30, 2024 financial statements with independent auditor's report from CLA
RECEIVED. RICH GONZALEZ, PARTER WITH CLA, LLP, REPORTED ON THE AUDIT. THE RESULTING OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IS UNMODIFIED WITH NO AUDIT FINDINGS REPORTED.
10. Receive and approve Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Report
RECEIVED. MEMBER TOSTE REQUESTED THE RETURN TO PRINTING THE REPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION. MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
11. Review next meeting date and revise if necessary:
 - Wednesday, June 25, 2025
REVIEWED. NO REVISIONS TO THE MEETING DATES WERE NECESSARY.
12. Receive staff reports
NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.
13. Chair's comments
VICE CHAIRMAN INQUIRED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING THE MEETING LOCATION GIVEN ZOO PATRONS WANTING TO ENTER THE TONLE CLASSROOM DURING THE MEETING. DECIDED THERE IS NO NEED TO MOVE THE MEETING LOCATION.
14. Board Member comments
MEMBER ARIAS REPORTED THAT EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST THE CITY WILL BEGIN ENFORCING MOBILE FOOD VENDING RULES ACROSS THE CITY.

15. Adjourn

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE CHAIRMAN ROMAN
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:59AM.**

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.