



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, August 26, 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 9:01AM.
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, GILES, HERZOG, TOSTE, WATERHOUSE, AND ARIAS IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. 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 July 22, 2026
 - B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno August 2026 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$5,316.70 for services through July 2026
 - C. Receive Treasurer's Report for the month July 2026

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 REPORTED ON THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND NEW ENTRY PROJECTS.
7. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$9,683,458.00 for the completion of the design phase of work for the California Exhibit project
FOLLOWING DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PARKING AGREEMENT, MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
8. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo June 2026 Year-to-Date Financial Report
RECEIVED. CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON THE JUNE YEAR-TO-DATE SUMMARY, ATTENDANCE, ADMISSIONS, PER CAPITA, FINANCIAL SUMMARY, AND BALANCE SHEET.
9. Receive CultureComp's Pricing Survey presentation
RECEIVED. JOHN MOREY OF THE MOREY GROUP PRESENTED THE PRICING SURVEY PRODUCED, WHICH INCLUDED MARKET, VISITOR AND MEMBER RESEARCH, THEIR METHODOLOGY, THOSE SURVEYED, MARKET POTENTIAL, AND MORE.
10. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - September 23, 2026
 - October 28, 2026
 - November 18, 2026**REVIEWED. NO CHANGES NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. NOTE: THREE MEMBERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE OCTOBER MEETING.**
11. Receive staff reports
NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.
12. Chair's comments
NOTED SAFARI NIGHT IS APPROACHING.
13. Board Member comments
MEMBER GARABEDIAN PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING SAFARI NIGHT.
14. Adjourn
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:49AM.

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.