



**FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY**

**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

**9:00 AM, Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

**Held Via Zoom**

**Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association  
7772 N. Palm Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93711  
(559) 457-0681**

1. Call to Order  
**CHAIRMAN ROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00AM.**
2. Roll Call  
**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, TOSTE, GARABEDIAN, STRATFORD, AND WATERHOUSE PRESENT.**
3. Approve Agenda  
**PRIOR TO APPROVING THE AGENDA, COORDINATOR ALEXANDER NOTED THAT UPDATED FIGURES FOR ITEM NO. 7 WILL BE PRESENTED WHEN HEARD. MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. 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 Item  
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 February 25, 2022

- b. Approve and adopt resolution re-acknowledging the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, and finding that the Fresno County Zoo Authority Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency, and conditions causing imminent risk to attendees, including widespread local transmission of COVID-19, the presence of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Omicron variant, limited availability of intensive care and hospital beds in local hospitals, and relatively confined Board meeting space, which restricts social distancing, have caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons attending Board meetings of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, and continue to directly impact the ability of the Board members to meet safely in person, and re-authorizing the Fresno County Zoo Authority to conduct its Board meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, provided that Fresno County Zoo Authority shall comply with all requirements of Government Code section 54953 to provide the public with access to all Board meetings.

**MEMBER TOSTE REQUESTED DISCUSSION ON ITEM 5a. NOTED THAT THE MINUTES WERE NOT COMPLETE REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE SECOND HEARING. SPECIFICALLY, THE MINUTES DO NOT DOCUMENT THE DISCUSSION OF THE CAPITAL/OPERATIONAL SPLIT PERCENTAGES OR THE SUNSET TIMEFRAME. CHAIRMAN ROMAN RECOMMENDED THAT MEMBER TOSTE PULL ITEM NO. 5a FOR DISCUSSION. TOSTE PULLED ITEM 5a AND ALSO ITEM NO. 5b STATING THAT IT MAY BE TIME TO CONDUCT MEETINGS IN PERSON.**

**ITEM 5a: TOSTE RECOMMENDED ATTACHING THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT TO THE MINUTES. CHAIRMAN ROMAN TABLED ITEM 5a UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING AND DIRECTED STAFF TO MAKE THE RECOMMENDED EDITS.**

**ITEM 5b: FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THE DECISION WAS MADE TO CONDUCT MEETINGS IN PERSION FROM THIS POINT FORWARD. MEMBER WATERHOUSE MOVED TO NOT APPROVE ITEM NO. 5b. MEMBER TOSTED SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Approve Zoo Authority fiscal year 2020-21 Annual Report  
**CORRECTIONS RECOMMENDED: PAGE 1, UNDER "NEW DIRECTOR ARRIVES", UPDATE TO STATE "JON FORREST DOHLIN WAS APPOINTED AS THE ZOO'S NEXT CEO AND ZOO DIRECTOR." ALSO UPDATE THE TOP RIGHT CORNER TO STATE THAT HE ARRIVED IN FEBRUARY 2021. COUNCEL NOTED THAT THE EMAIL ADDRESS ON PAGE ONE MAY BE INCORRECT. COORDINATOR ALEXANDER NOTED THAT THE EMAIL ADDRESS IS FUNCTIONAL; HOWEVER, HE WILL REVISE TO SHOW THE COUNTY'S UPDATED VERSION. MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT WITH THE RECOMMENDED REVISIONS. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
7. Receive tax receipt projections through June 30, 2022 and through December 31, 2022 respectively and projected operations fund balance at fiscal year-end as prepared by Auditor staff  
**RECEIVED.**

8. Approve next meeting date:

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 (Regularly Scheduled Meeting)  
Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
Wednesday, April 27, 2022 (Regularly Scheduled Meeting)

**MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO CANCEL THE MARCH 30, 2022, APRIL 13, 2022, AND APRIL 27, 2022 MEETINGS WITH THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 25, 2022 AT THE ZOO. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. Receive staff reports  
**NONE RECEIVED**

10. Chair's comments  
**ROMAN THANKED THE STAFF AND ZOO REGARDING ALL OF THEIR WORK ON MEASURE Z AND GETTING IT ON THE JUNE BALLOT. DIRECTOR DOHLIN THANKED ROMAN FOR HER EFFORTS AS WELL.**

11. Board Member comments  
**MEMBER WATERHOUSE THANKED STAFF FOR ALL OF THEIR WORK ON THE ANNUAL REPORT.**

12. Adjourn  
**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO CONDUCT, CHAIRMAN ROMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:39AM.**

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](mailto:zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us), or visit [www.zooauthority.org](http://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.