



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, July 22, 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 9:04AM.
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, GILES, AND TOSTE IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
CHAIRMAN ROMAN MOVED ITEM NO. 11 TO FOLLOW ITEM NO. 3. MEMBER GILES 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. CODY RAINWATER COMMENTED ON THE TROPICAL RAINFOREST EXHIBIT.
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 June 24, 2026
 - B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno July 2026 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$19,199.27 for services through June 2026

C. Receive Treasurer's Report for the month June 2026

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

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corp year ended December 31, 2025 audited financial statements and agreed upon procedures from Price Paige & Company
RECEIVED. HENRY OUM PRESENTED A CLEAN, UNMODIFIED AUDIT REPORT.
7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's Report
CEO JON DOHLIN REPORTED ON THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY ON BELMONT, THE NEW ENTRY PROJECT, AND THE SOLAR PROJECT.
8. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo May 2026 Year-to-Date Financial Report
CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON THE MAY YEAR-TO-DATE ANALYSIS, ATTENDANCE, ADMISSIONS, PER CAPITA, FINANCIAL SUMMARY, AND BALANCE SHEET.
9. Approve prospective repayment terms for California Exhibit Design expenditures, to be utilized in the event the ZooCorp is unable to obtain approval from the Zoo Authority Board of an agreement with the City of Fresno regarding parking infrastructure at the new Zoo entrance
MEMBER TOSTE REQUESTED THAT A COPY OF THE DRAFT PARKING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY BE DISTRIBUTED TO COUNSEL/BOARD FOR REVIEW/INPUT. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM TO THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY MEMBER GILES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - August 26, 2026
 - September 23, 2026
 - October 28, 2026**REVIEWED. NO REVISIONS NECESSARY.**
11. Receive staff reports
COORDINATOR REPORTED THAT LINDSAY BEAVERS ASSIGNED ALISON SAMARIN AS COUNSEL FOR THE ZOO AUTHORITY FROM THIS POINT FORWARD.
12. Chair's comments
WELCOMED ALISON.
13. Board Member comments
MEMBER TOSTE ACKNOWLEDGED FORMER ZOOCORP CEO, SCOTT BARTON, IN ATTENDANCE.
14. Adjourn
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:01AM.