



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Fresno Chaffee Zoo

Tonle Classroom located inside of Kingdoms of Asia

894 West Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728

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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, TOSTE, WATERHOUSE, AND ARIAS IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO APPROVE 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 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 August 26, 2026
 - B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno September 2026 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$5,909.38 for services through August 2026
 - C. Receive Treasurer's Report for the month August 2026

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

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's Report
RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN REPORTED ON THE MANHOLE DISCOVERED WITHIN THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY PROJECT AND THE NEW ENTRANCE AND ASSOCIATED PARKING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FRESNO. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, MEMBER GARABEDIAN REQUESTED THAT THE CITY CONSIDER A HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION REGARDING PARKING ENFORCEMENT.
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
MEMBER WATERHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL FUNDS REQUEST. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
8. Discuss 2027 Supplemental Measure Z Capital Request
A FEW ITEMS LISTED DID NOT APPEAR TO QUALIFY AS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES. ZOOCORP STAFF WILL REVIEW THE SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS AND RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR FURTHER REVIEW/CONSIDERATION.
9. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - October 28, 2026
 - November 18, 2026
 - December 16, 2026**SEVERAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE OCTOBER 28, 2026, BOARD MEETING; THEREFORE, MEMBER GARABEDIEN MOVED TO CANCEL THE OCTOBER 28, 2026, MEETING AND ADD A SPECIAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2026, AT 9:00AM. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
10. Receive staff reports
NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.
11. Chair's comments
STATED IT WAS GREAT SEEING EVERYONE AT SAFARI NIGHT.
12. Board Member comments
MEMBER TOSTE STATED IT WAS A GREAT SAFARI NIGHT. CEO DOHLIN THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND ADDED THAT IT WAS A RECORD ATTENDANCE AND FUNDRAISER. MEMBER GARABEDIAN ALSO THANKED EVERYONE FOR SAFARI NIGHT.
13. Adjourn
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:57AM.

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.