



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, February 25, 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 9:08AM.
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, GILES, HERZOG, TOSTE, WATERHOUSE, AND ARIAS IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
MEMBER TOSTE 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 January 28, 2026 and February 19, 2026
 - b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno February 2026 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$8,592.28 for services through December 2025
 - c. Receive Treasurer's Report for January 2026

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

6. Receive Zoo Authority Year Ended June 30, 2025 financial statements with independent auditor's report from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP
RECEIVED. CLA REPORTED ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH AN UNMODIFIED OPINION AND NO AUDIT FINDINGS.
7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's Report
CEO JON DOHLIN HAD NO REPORT AS IT WILL BE ENTAILED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS.
8. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$4,311,019.39 for the completion of design and engineering services for the New Entrance project
FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE \$80,000 TO ALLOW THE DESIGN TEAM TO DEVELOP AT LEAST TWO CONCEPT PROPOSALS TO BRING BEFORE THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$1,078,833.70 for the construction of the Lyles Building Envelope Improvements
MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL FUNDS REQUEST. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$16,125,607.11 for the construction of the FCZ Maintenance Warehouse
A REQUEST WAS MADE FOR THE SQUARE FOOTAGE COST OF THE FACILITY, WHICH WAS NOT READILY AVAILABLE. ZOO STAFF WILL CALCULATE AND PROVIDE VIA EMAIL. MEMBER WATERHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL FUNDS REQUEST. SECONDED BY MEMBER ARIAS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
11. Approve proposed amendments to the Fresno County Zoo Authority Procedures for Approving and Administering Measure Z funds
MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURES GUIDE. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
12. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - March 25, 2026
 - April 22, 2026
 - May 27, 2026**REVIEWED. NO REVISIONS NECESSARY.**
13. Receive staff reports
NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.
14. Chair's comments
CHAIRMAN ROMAN THANKED ALL FOR ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP.
15. Board Member comments

MEMBER GARABEDIAN THANKED STAFF FOR THE WORK ON THE PROCEDURES GUIDE. MEMBER TOSTE THANKED STAFF FOR UPDATING THE STAFF INVOICE AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED.

16. Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:37 AM.

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.