



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

79:00 AM, Wednesday, June 24, 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 9:00AM.
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, GILES, HERZOG, TOSTE, AND WATERHOUSE IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE DELETION OF ITEM NO. 14A. 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; RECEIVED. 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 May 27, 2026

B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno June 2026 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$5,566.60 for services through April 2026

C. Receive Treasurer's Report for the months of April and May 2026

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

6. Approve and authorize the estimated revenues and appropriations for the 2026-27 budget year

MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2026-27 BUDGET. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's Report

CEO JON DOHLIN REPORTED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY. REPORTED ON THE MISSING MILITARY MACAW NAMED SARGE. ADDRESSED A QUESTION ON PARKING.

8. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$9,683,458 for the completion of the design phase of work for the California Exhibit project

MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO DESIGNATE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF LESS THAN A QUORUM OF THE BOARD TO INTERFACE WITH THE ZOOCORP ON NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE DESIGN FEES CONSIDERED AND THAT THE AGREEMENT COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD ON JULY 22, 2026. MEMBERS HERZOG, TOSTE, AND ROMAN VOLUNTEERED TO BE ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 8 CONTINGENT UPON A WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD AND ZOOCORP THAT CLARIFIES RESPONSIBILITY OF PAYMENT IN THE EVENT THAT THE PARKING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY DOES NOT MOVE FORWARD. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED 5 – 1 WITH MEMBER GARABEDIAN VOTING AGAINST.

9. Approve and authorize release of retention withheld on services related to the New Entry Pre-Design Services (\$9,552.60 for EHDD) and the California Exhibit Concept Design Services (\$4,590.00 for SHR Studios)

MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF RETENTION. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:

- July 22, 2026
- August 26, 2026
- September 23, 2026

REVIEWED. NO REVISIONS NECESSARY.

11. Receive staff reports

NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.

12. Chair's comments

THANKED ALL FOR BEING IN ATTENDANCE.

13. Board Member comments

NO FURTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED.

14. Closed Session

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:1
case

DELETED DURING ITEM NO. 3 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Legal Counsel

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION TO PROCEED WITH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES.**

15. Adjourn

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:01AM.**

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.