



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, February 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 9:02AM
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, TOSTE, GARABEDIAN, STRATFORD, WATERHOUSE, AND ARIAS PRESENT
3. Approve Agenda
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 Items (a – d)
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 19, 2022

- b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$1,957.84 for services through January 2022
- c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for January 2022
- d. 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 WATERHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS WITH A NOTATION THAT HIS NAME WAS MISPELLED WITHIN THE JANUARY 19, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. COORDINATOR ALEXANDER NOTED THE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR. MEMBER ARIAS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
RECEIVED. DIRECTOR JON DOHLIN PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS.
- 7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation December 2021 Year-to-Date Financial Report and January 2022 Early Insights
RECEIVED. INTERIM CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON ATTENDANCE, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.
- 8. Hold first hearing on ordinance to continue the current countrywide transactions and use tax (known as Measure Z) for the support of zoos, zoological facilities and related zoological purposes to be administered by the State Board of Equalization and amending Section 1.010 of Fresno County Zoo Authority Ordinance No. 2004-1; waive reading of the ordinance in its entirety (2/3 vote required); set second hearing for March 16, 2022; and discuss proposed ballot language and provide direction to staff
HELD WITH DISCUSSIONS. MEMBER WATERHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEASURE Z ORDINANCE EXTENSION WITH LANGUAGE TO LEAVE THE TWO PERCENT FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION AND A MINIMUM OF TWO THIRDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUT LEAVE THE PROVISION FOR THE TAX TO REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL REJECTED BY VOTERS SO THE TAX DOES NOT SUNSET. THE MOTION DID NOT RECEIVE A SECOND AND FAILED.

MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED THAT THE ORDINANCE REMAIN AS ORIGINALLY PASSED WITH TWO THIRD FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTAIN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FOR A 10 YEAR TIMEFRAME TO SUNSET. SECONDED BY MEMBER STRATFORD. MEMBER TOSTE OFFERED AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO CHANGE THE SUNSET TO 15 YEARS. THE AMENDEMENT WAS ACCEPTED BY GARABEDIAN AND STRATFORD. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0 WITH MEMBER ARIAS ABSENT AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE.

9. Approve next meeting date:

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 (Regularly Scheduled Meeting)

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 (Regularly Scheduled Meeting)

MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO HOLD A MARCH 16, 2022 MEETING AND TO CANCEL THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MARCH 30, 2022 MEETING. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Receive staff reports

NO ADDITIONAL STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED.

11. Chair's comments

VICE CHAIRMAN STATED HE IS PROUD OF THE GROUP.

12. Board Member comments

MEMBER WATERHOUSE STATED THAT JON DID AN EXCELLENT JOB WITH THE BLACK HISTORY EVENT HELD AT THE ZOO. IT WAS WELL OVERDUE AND APPRECIATED. HE HAS A FANTASTIC STAFF. MEMBER GARABEDIAN STATED SHE IS EXCITED ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MORE IN THE FUTURE.

13. Adjourn

MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 10:41AM. SECONDED BY STRATFORD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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.