Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM

894 W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728 – Zooplex Breakroom

DIRECTORS	1/15/2026	2/15/2026	3/12/2026
Arelis Garcia	X	X	X
Babatunde Ilori – Vice Chair	A	X	X
Cristina Musson-Rendon	X	X	X
Emilia Reyes	X	X	A
Ethan Smith - Secretary	X	X	X
Julie Vance	X	A	X
Kyle Kirkland - Chair	X	X	X
Mendy Laval	X	X	X
Rion Morgenstern – Treasurer	X	X	X
Ross Parnagian	X	X	X
Wilma Tom Hashimoto	X	X	X

Board Advisors Present

Doug Larsen – Fishman, Larsen & Callister
Jon Forrest Dohlin – Chief Executive Officer
Karen Westersund – FCZC Docent President

Zoo Team Present

Kris Grey – Director of Capital Projects
Lyn Myers – Chief Operations Officer
Nora Crow – Chief Financial Officer
Sean den Bok – Chief of Education and Engagement
Stephanie Regevig – Development Director
Steven Gonzales-Warkentin – Chief of Staff
Terry Skoda – Chief Advancement Officer

1. Call Meeting to Order/ Roll Call

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order at 5:36. Mr. Gonzales-Warkentin called the roll establishing a quorum was present.

2. Public Comment
Mr. Kirkland asked if any members of the public wished to comment on items not listed on the evening's agenda. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

3. Additions to the Agenda
Ms. Hashimoto asked if she could add a brief update from the Audit Committee to the end of the meeting's agenda. Mr. Kirkland called a vote. The Board unanimously voted to approve the addition.

4. Approve Minutes
Mr. Kirkland called the Board's attention to the minutes and asked for feedback. Hearing none, Ms. Vance made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Musson-Rendon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Chair Report
Mr. Kirkland said that he hoped the nice weather that we are currently experiencing would lend itself to strong attendance for the zoo.

6. CEO Report
Mr. Dohlin stated that the zoo would be hosting a Sniffari event later in the month where guests would be able to bring their dogs to this private event. He said that the temporary exhibit, Dinosaurs, would return at the end of March. Mr. Dohlin showed a few slides of concept art for the California Exhibit currently in pre-design.

7. Approve Preconstruction Services for the New Entrance Project totaling $82,998.00
Mr. Dohlin stated that preconstruction services were incorporated into the Maintenance Warehouse project and proved to be a value add to the planning. He stated he was requesting funding for similar preconstruction services as part of the New Entrance project.
Mr. Grey stated that using a Construction Manager at risk typically resulted in less change orders submitted.
After discussion Ms. Garcia made a motion to approve the Zoo to request $82,998.00 from the Measure Z board, and Ms. Vance seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approve Year-to-Date Finance Report

Ms. Crow presented the year-to-date finances through January 2026 stating that in December attendance and onsite spending was down, but the zoo saw an uptick in attendance in January. Ms. Crow stated that fundraising efforts have been performing strongly in some areas such as capital. She also said that IllumiNature performed well. After discussion Mr. Morgenstern made a motion to approve the Year-to-Date Finance Report as presented and Ms. Hashimoto seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Receive Africa Trip Presentation

Mr. Dohlin discussed the Zoo's plan to partner with EcoQuest to host a safari trip to Africa in 2027. He stated it will be a smaller tour with strong conservation messages. Mr. Dohlin said that the Zoo is looking to target potential donors who may be interested in participating in this special opportunity.

10. Audit Committee Update

Ms. Hashimoto gave a brief update to the Board informing them that the annual audit process had begun.

11. Final Comments

Mr. Kirkland asked if any Board Member had final comments for the meeting. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM.