



Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:30 PM
894 W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728

DIRECTORS	1/15/2026	2/15/2026	3/12/2026	6/11/2026	8/13/2026	9/21/2026
Arelis Garcia	X	X	X	X	X	X
Babatunde Ilori	A	X	X	X	X	X
Christina Musson-Rendon	X	X	X	X	X	A
Emilia Reyes	X	X	A	X	A	X
Ethan Smith - Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X
Julie Vance	X	A	X	A	X	A
Kyle Kirkland - Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mendy Laval	X	X	X	X	X	A
Rion Morgenstern - Treasurer	X	X	X	A	X	X
Ross Parnagian	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wilma Tom Hashimoto	X	X	X	X	X	X

Board Advisors Present

Doug Larsen - Fishman, Larsen & Callister
Jon Forrest Dohlin - Chief Executive Officer and Zoo Director
Karen Westerlund - FCZC Docent President

Zoo Staff Present

Nicole Presley - General Curator
Terry Skoda - Chief Advancement Officer

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM and asked Mr. Dohlin to call the roll. Mr. Dohlin confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comment

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

3. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Kirkland asked if any members of the Board wished to add a topic to the evening's agenda. No revisions were offered.



4. Approve Amendment to Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Lease with City of Fresno

Mr. Dohlin stated that the Zoo has been working with the City of Fresno on an amendment to its existing lease agreement with the city by which the Zoo would capture revenue generated from the parking spaces adjacent to the new entrance under consideration. Mr. Dohlin stated that in addition to providing for capture of parking revenue, the amendment would extend the Zoo's footprint within Roeding Park. Counsel for both the City and FCZC had reviewed the proposed amendment.

Mr. Dohlin stated that pursuant to the amendment, the lease payment paid by the Zoo would increase to \$247,482.81 per year from the current \$1 per year. Mr. Dohlin said that based on the city's experience collecting parking revenue, the amount of money the Zoo would take in from the adjacent lot should meet or exceed the annual cost of the lease.

Mr. Dohlin stated that if the Board approved the amendment as drafted, the amendment would be submitted to the City Council for approval before year-end. After discussion, Mr. Morgenstern made a motion to approve the amendment to the Zoo's lease with the City of Fresno; Mr. Parnagian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Final Comments

Mr. Kirkland asked if any members of the Board had final comments. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM.