



Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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

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

Guest Speakers

Henry Oum - Auditor from Price Paige and Company

Board Advisors Present

Doug Larsen - Fishman, Larsen & Callister

Jon Forrest Dohlin - Chief Executive Officer

Karen Westerlund - FCZC Docent President

Zoo Staff Present

Kris Grey - Director of Capital Projects

Lyn Myers - Chief Operations Officer

Nora Crow - Chief Financial Officer

Steven Gonzales-Warkentin - Chief of Staff



1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and Mr. Gonzales-Warkentin called the roll, establishing that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Kirkland asked if any members of the public wished to comment on an item not appearing on the agenda; no comments were offered.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Kirkland asked if there were any requests to add items to the agenda for consideration, but none were proposed by the Board.

4. Approve the 2025 Audit and Agreed Upon Procedures

Mr. Henry Oum from Price Paige and Company presented the 2025 audited financials stating that there were no findings, no adjustments, and no violations of compliance including use of Measure Z funds. He stated that Price Paige and Company had therefore issued a clean opinion. After discussion, Mr. Parnagian made a motion to accept the 2025 Audit and Agreed Upon Procedures as presented and Ms. Garica seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve Minutes

Mr. Kirkland asked if members of the Board had any suggested revisions to the minutes as drafted. Hearing none, Ms. Laval made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Chair Report

Mr. Kirkland stated that he did not have anything of significance to report.

7. CEO Report

Mr. Dohlin reviewed the progress of the current capital construction projects including the maintenance building, new entrance design, and California design.



8. Approve the Request for Funding From Measure Z for the Release of Retention for EHDD on the New Entry Concept Design Totaling \$9,552.60 and SHR Studios For Their Work on the California Exhibit Concept Design Totaling \$4,590.00

Mr. Dohlin stated that both EHDD and SHR Studios had completed work on their respective projects and asked that their retentions be released. In addition, Ms. Crow stated that the two retentions had been paid under the approval of the Board Chair and CEO for which she was seeking repayment from the Zoo Authority. After discussion, Ms. Hashimoto made a motion to approve the ZooCorp request for repayment of the retentions from Measure Z funds; Ms. Reyes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approve Measure Z Funding Request for \$9,683,458 for the Design of the California Exhibit

Mr. Dohlin stated that the Zoo received and reviewed proposals for the California Exhibit design and selected SHR Studios as the winning bidder. He stated that the Zoo worked with SHR in the past and was satisfied with their work, and that SHR was also the lowest bid. After discussion, Mr. Ilori made a motion to approve requesting \$9,683,458 from Measure Z and Ms. Musson-Rendon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approve the Year-to-Date Financial Report

Ms. Crow presented on the Zoo's finances through the month of March 2026. She stated that first quarter's performance was on target and that the Zoo was able to open Zoorassic Park in time for Spring break. She noted a subsequent shortfall in attendance and stated management was looking into ways to respond through tactics like flash ticket sales for the Summer. Ms. Crow stated that the presenters of IllumiNature were not able to secure work visas for their staff, and as a result, the Zoo would be offering an alternative to IllumiNature in the fall. She said that the Zoo will be bringing back an updated version of ZooLights. After discussion, Ms. Laval made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented and Ms. Garcia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Final Comments

Mr. Kirkland asked if the members of the Board had any final comments for the meeting. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.