

Fresno Chaffee Zoo
894 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation
Board of Directors, Nominating Committee Meeting
Agenda

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 5:30 PM
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93963205583>
669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 939 6320 5583

Committee Members Present

- Dr. Ed Gonzalez
- Dr. Emy Phillips
- Mr. Ross Parnagian

Committee Members Absent

- Ms. Chelsea Cates

Zoo Staff Present

- Ms. Alisha Anderson
- Mr. Scott Barton
- Mr. Steven Gonzales-Warkentin
- Ms. Laura Martina
- Mr. Amos Morris
- Dr. Lily Wachter

The meeting commenced at 5:35 PM

Item 01: Roll Call

Mr. Gonzales-Warkentin took the roll and established that a quorum was present.

Item 02: Public Comment

Dr. Gonzalez asked if any member of the public wished to comment at this time. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

Item 03: Chair Report

Dr. Gonzalez stated that two applications were received for the upcoming Board vacancy.

Item 04: Approve 08/13/2020 Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Gonzalez pointed out a spelling correction to be made. With this correction, Mr. Parnagian made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Dr. Phillips abstained as she was not present at the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 05: Review Received Applications for Board Vacancy and Discuss Next Steps/Timeline

Dr. Gonzalez stated that two applications were received. Ms. Wilma Hashimoto was nominated by Dr. Gonzalez and Mr. Arakel Arisian who was nominated by Mr. Parnagian. Dr. Gonzalez expressed that both candidates appeared to be very qualified.

After further discussion of the candidates, including suggestions from zoo staff, Dr. Gonzalez recapped the discussion by stating both applicants would be scheduled for interviews within the next few weeks. The goal is to present the Committee's selection to the Board of Directors at the November Board Meeting.

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Item 06: Discuss Timeline for Increasing Board

Dr. Gonzalez stated that at the last Nominating Committee meeting, it was discussed that the recommendation to the Board would be to increase the size of the Board by two. He will formally request this increase at the September 10th Board meeting. If approved, the interview/selection process would begin once Dr. Phillip's vacancy has been filled. He stated that the two new seats may not be in place prior to the start of the new year.

Item 07: Old Business

Dr. Phillips apologized for missing the last meeting.

Item 08: New Business

Dr. Gonzalez reviewed the established timeline to fill openings within the Board. After some discussion, it was decided that the next steps would be to schedule a call with the applicants to provide an overview of the expectations for members of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.