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# Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020 Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/98319296612

#### **Board Members Present**

- Dr. Ed Gonzalez, Vice Chair
- Mr. Babatunde Ilori
- Mr. Kyle Kirkland, Chair
- Mr. Rion Morgenstern, Treasurer
- Mr. Ross Parnagian

# **Board Members Absent**

- Mr. Oliver Baines
- Ms. Chelsea Cates
- Dr. Emy Phillips
- Ms. Julie Vance

# **Board Advisors Present**

- Mr. Scott Barton, CEO
- Mr. Doug Larsen, Legal Counsel

#### Zoo Staff Present

- Ms. Alisha Anderson
- Mr. Steven Gonzales-Warkentin
- Ms. Laura Martina
- Mr. Amos Morris
- Dr. Shannon Nodolf
- Dr. Lily Wachter
- Mr. Dean Watanabe

The meeting commenced at 5:31 PM

# Item 01: Roll Call

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

# Item 02: Public Comment

Mr. Kirkland asked if any members of the public wished to comment. Hearing none, he proceeded with the next item.

# Item 03: Consider for Approval a Relationship with Golden Charter Academy and the Issuance of a Document Expressing the Understanding of the Parties

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Mr. Kirkland recapped the discussion from the Board meeting the prior week and stated that Mr. Larsen had drafted a Memo of Understanding regarding the Zoo's non-exclusive relationship with Golden Charter Academy (GCA), a proposed charter school.

Mr. Morgenstern stated that he believed the Memorandum of Understanding captured the Board's understanding of the relationship with GCA and asked that Zoo management having final say on any use of the Zoo's logo or brand. Ms. Anderson stated that Mr. Golden and she were already in talks regarding this matter and agreed that final say would be given from senior management. Mr. Larsen suggested the usage of the Zoo's logo be documented in writing.

Other board members reiterated their support for the relationship with GCA and confirmed that the MOU was consistent with their understanding and expectation of the relationship.

After discussion, Mr. Morgenstern made a motion to approve the issuance of the Memorandum of Understanding between Fresno Chaffee Zoo and Golden Charter Academy. Mr. Ilori seconded this motion, which then passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.