



Fresno’s Chaffee Zoo Corporation
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Minutes

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM
 894 W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728

Board Member	01/19/2023	03/23/2023	06/27/2023
Oliver Baines	A	X	A
Ed Gonzalez	X	X	X
Wilma Tom Hashimoto	X	X	A
Babatunde Ilori	X	X	X
Kyle Kirkland	X	X	X
Rion Morgenstern	X	X	X
Ross Parnagian	X	X	X
Emilia Reyes	X	X	A
Ethan Smith	X	X	X
Julie Vance	X	A	X

Guest Speakers Present

- Ms. Mandy Bruer – Golden Charter Academy
- Mr. Robert Golden – Golden Charter Academy
- Mr. Henry Oum – Price Paige & Company

Advisors Present

- Mr. Jon Dohlin – Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Doug Larsen – Legal Counsel

Zoo Staff Present

- Ms. Nora Crow – Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Sean den Bok – Chief of Education and Education
- Mr. Steven Gonzales-Warkentin – Chief of Staff
- Ms. Lyn Myers – Chief Operations Officer
- Ms. Nicole Presley – General Curator
- Dr. Audry Siegrist – Senior Director of Veterinary Services
- Mr. Terry Skoda – Chief Advancement Officer

Item 01: Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order at 5:43 PM. Mr. Gonzales-Warkentin called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.



Item 02: Public Comment

Mr. Kirkland asked if any members of the public wished to comment. Ms. Patty McLane thanked the Zoo for providing listening devices for those hard of hearing.

Item 03: Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Kirkland then asked if any member of the Board had an item to add to the agenda that came to their attention after the agenda was posted. With no items presented, Mr. Kirkland moved to the next item.

Item 04: Approval of the 2022 Audit and Agreed Upon Procedures

Dr. Gonzalez stated that the Audit Committee met with the Zoo's auditors on June 13th to review the 2022 audit and were pleased with the results. Mr. Oum stated that the audit passed with no findings and a clean opinion. After discussion, Mr. Morgenstern made a motion to approve the 2022 audit and agreed upon procedures and Ms. Vance seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 05: Receive Golden Charter Presentation

Mr. Robert Golden and Ms. Mandy Breuer presented an overview of Golden Charter Academy's school year and the successes of students learning on Zoo grounds.

Item 06: Approve Minutes

Mr. Kirkland called the Director's attention to the draft minutes from the March 23, 2023 Board meeting and asked if the members had additions or revisions. With none offered, Dr. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Parnagian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 07: Chair Report

Mr. Kirkland commented on his recent visit to the Golden Charter Academy and his experience at the opening event for Kingdoms of Asia.

Item 08: CEO Report

Mr. Dohlin reported that the feedback from the public on Kingdoms of Asia has been positive. He stated that the Zoo was awaiting final sign off from the City on the Tonle classroom. He discussed the Zoo's potential exposure with KOA change orders that may exceed the project's contingency budget and stated that negotiations with the contractors were currently underway. Mr. Dohlin informed the Board that the Zoo's attendance in June was the highest for any June in the Zoo's history and reported that the Sea Lion Cove chillers had been installed and were running at the ideal temperature for the animals.

Item 09: Approve Finance Committee Report

Mr. Morgenstern reviewed the Finance Committee Report consisting of four items discussed in detail at the Finance Committee meeting on June 15th. He stated that the Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve funding for a change order for the Kingdoms of Asia project totaling \$288,411, approved the year-to-date financial report through April 2023, approve additional budget requests for \$310,735 to fund a supplemental environmental impact report required to start phase one



of the Masterplan, and approved the liquidation of donor restricted funds totaling \$120,400 for the Belmont basin and recycled water projects. After further discussion of each item, Ms. Vance made a motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendations and Mr. Morgenstern seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 10: Approve Additional Meeting Date

This item was withdrawn. No action was taken.

Item 11: Board Final Comments

Dr. Gonzalez gave a presentation on his recent trip to the Barcelona Zoo.

With no further comments, Mr. Kirkland adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM