



Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District

June 24, 2025 12:00 PM, via Zoom at 1 Fine Arts Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110

Michelle Harris, Chair of the Metropolitan Park and Museum District, called the meeting to order at 12:14 PM.

Upon roll call, the following members were present/absent:

Bradley Bakker, Present

Michelle Harris, Present

Darnetta Clinkscale, Present

Kenneth Powell, Present

Jill Nowak, Present

Thomas Mummert, Present

Others in Attendance: ZMD employees Matthew Pollock, Adrienne Mack, Florette Hampton and Legal Counsel, Jennifer Byrne, and Brittany Robbins.

The Chair asked for public comments from those in attendance. No comments resulted.

The Chair welcomed the Art Museum staff, Board of Directors and Subdistrict officials.

Presentation by Art Museums officials. The following was discussed:

- John Horseman, Board of Commissioners President, welcomed and thanked the ZMD Board for continued support and recognized changes made to the commissioners Board.
- Carolyn J. Schmidt – Deputy Director and Controller presented the 2025 operating budget. The total revenue for 2025 was \$47.1M, with ZMD tax revenue providing 59% of the revenue (\$27M). Contributions, fundraising, consistent endowment, Gala returning in 2025 and exceptional shop sales assisted in a strong 2024. She stated total operating expenses were \$45.9M, highlighting Programs Costs 26%, supporting services 69.5% and Transfer to Plant Fund 4.3%, she also included total operating uses. Ms. Schmidt shared total operating support was \$ 47.1M % which included ZMD tax revenue 57.7%, contributions, memberships, grants, merchandise sales, and more. Total operating costs (45.9 M) were highlighted, which included compensation, staffing

and HR Initiative. Ms. Schmidt concluded that the budget supports balanced operations supported by stable tax revenue.

- Min Jung Kim – Barbara B. Taylor Director, welcomed the ZMD Board and staff. She acknowledged the community response to May 16, 2025 tornado. Ms. Kim also highlighted St. Louis Art Museum's strong financial position for 2025, supported by the ZMD. Ms. Kim shared the Art Museum hosted nearly 90 art museum directors at AAMD Spring Summit and have loaned over 30 works to the US and International museums. She highlighted different Exhibitions opening in 2025 and running through March 2026.

Board members asked questions/made comments and discussions ensued.

A motion to approve May 20, 2025, regular Board Meeting Minutes was made by Ms. Clinkscale and seconded by Ms. Nowak. The Chair asked for discussion; no discussion ensued. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Pollock reported on Brittany Robbins' status as future Board member. He also related that Sheila Hudson had resigned from the Board. Ms. Harris was reappointed to the Board through 2029, and the July Missouri Botanical Garden budget meeting has been rescheduled to August 26, 2025.

Ms. Harris shared her luncheon meeting with the Subdistricts Directors.

No Committee Reports.

No Old Business.

New Business will be discussed in Closed Session.

The chair asked for a motion to go into Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 610.021, subsection (1). Ms. Harris moved to close the meeting and Mr. Mummert seconded the motion. By unanimous roll call vote the Board was moved to Closed session at 1:30 p.m.

The closed session of the meeting adjourned, and the regular meeting opened at 2:00 and immediately adjourned upon motion by Ms. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Bakker. It was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Minutes from the Closed Session of the meeting be prepared by Florette Hampton and filed at the office of Armstrong Teasdale, LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Bakker

Bradley Bakker
Secretary