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Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District

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

April 21, 2026, 12:00 PM, via Zoom at One Government Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110

Mr. Mummert, Chair of the Metropolitan Park and Museum District, called the meeting to order at 12:07PM.

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

Bradley Bakker, Present

Darnetta Clinkscale, Present

Michelle Harris, Present

Thomas Mummert, Present

Jill Nowak, Present

Kenneth Powell, Present

Brittany Robbins, Present

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

Mr. Pollock also acknowledged the following individuals that joined the meeting today, Steven Schenkenberg and Jessica Edison with the Botanical Garden, Christina Renz and Jessika Edison from the History Museum, Matthew Hathaway, Carolyn Schmidt, Jennifer Thomas from the Art Museum and Michelle Barefield.

Mr. Mummert asked for public comments from those in attendance. No comments resulted.

Mr. Mummert welcomed the Saint Louis Zoological Park Staff, Board of Directors and Subdistrict Officials. The meeting was turned over to the Saint Louis Zoological Park officials.

Presentation by the Saint Louis Zoological Park officials. The following was discussed:

- Larry Thomas, St. Louis Zoological Park Subdistrict Commission Chair – Welcomed and thanked the ZMD for support.
- Michael Hickey, St. Louis Zoo Association President – Welcomed the ZMD, shared he is proud for and excited of the work the Zoo is doing.
- Dwight Scott, Dana Brown President & CEO - Mr. Scott shared brief into to the agenda. Mr. Scott introduced Kirby Meyer as the New Chief Experience

Officer, Dr. Lisa Kelly is the new Vice President of Conservation, Education and Science and Leslie Garner the Director of Architecture.

- Kathleen Tisone Vice President, Finance & CFO –Ms. Tisone highlighted 2024-2026 Tax Support as a % of Gross Revenue, Operating Revenue, Tax Support of Operating Net Revenue and History of ZMD Receipts as Percent of Operating Expenses. Property Tax and Sales Tax remain core funding, 73% of community funding supports salaries, benefits and core animal-care programs. Ms. Tisone shared attendance across four campuses is slightly behind full-year pacing but revenues remain strong. Ms. Tisone highlighted Investments & Endowments (in millions).
- Michael Macek, Zoo Director - Mr. Macek highlighted new additions to the Zoo, the Sloth atrium, painted dog pups, Ocelot and capybara returning this summer. Mr. Macek shared the Strategic Plan – 205 Key Initiatives. Highlighting improvements, updates and event overview.
- Leslie Garner, Director, Architecture & Construction – Ms. Garner shared the WildCare Park Animal Population and growth including the Baby Boom with 25 births. Ms. Garner shared the location and layout of the park.
- Amy Dove, Chief Philanthropy Officer – Ms. Dove shared Capital Progress and Endowment Progress.
- Kirby Meyer, Chief Experience Officer – Ms. Meyer shared ZMD Partnerships with the Art Museum and the History Museum. She also highlighted other community Partnerships

Mr. Mummert thanked everyone for the presentation. It was an excellent presentation, and he thanked the Zoo for their hard work.

Mr. Mummert asked for comments to put in the letter. Some comments included Wildcare Park updates, Community Partnerships, and others.

A motion to approve March 24, 2026, regular Board/Closed Meeting Minutes was made by Ms. Nowak and was seconded by Ms. Robbins. The Chair asked for discussion; no discussion ensued. The minutes were approved by all members present saying “Aye”.

Mr. Mummert asked Mr. Pollock for an Executive Directors report.

Mr. Pollock had nothing to report.

Mr. Mummert asked for Committee Reports.

Mr. Bakker shared the Audit Committee met and the budget was approved.

Ms. Robbins shared the Public Relations met, discussed Economic impact, establishing Boilerplate and collaborating with more institutions.

Ms. Bryne had nothing to report.

No New Business.

The Chair asked for a motion to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Sections 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri Subsection (1) and (15).

By unanimous roll call vote the Board was moved to Closed session at 1:39 pm. The closed session of the meeting adjourned, and the regular meeting was opened at 2:28 pm and immediately adjourned upon motion by Ms. Clinkscale and seconded by Ms. Harris. It was unanimously by all members present saying "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Kenny Powell

Kenny Powell (May 20, 2026 11:18:39 CDT)

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Secretary