



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

*June 9, 12:00 PM, via Teams at 4344 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63110*

Mr. Mummert, Chair of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District, called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

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

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| Bradley Bakker, Present      | Jill Nowak, Present       |
| Darnetta Clinkscale, Present | Kenneth Powell, Absent    |
| Michelle Harris, Absent      | Brittany Robbins, Present |
| Thomas Mummert, Present      |                           |

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

Mr. Pollock introduced others joining online Mark Johnson from the Science Center, Sal Martinez with the Garden and staff from the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

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

Mr. Mummert welcomed the Missouri Botanical Garden Subdistrict Commissioners, the Missouri Botanical Garden Trustees, the Garden's Management team members, and other guests.

Presentation by the Missouri Botanical Garden officials. The following was discussed:

- Dr. Hung Gay Fung, Board Vice Chairman – Welcomed and thanked the ZMD for their support. As the Vice Chair Dr. Fung shared he has developed a deeper understanding of the garden's mission, operations and contribution to the St. Louis Community.
- Dr. Lucia Lohmann, President and Director – Dr. Lohmann thanked the ZMD for their support which is crucial to everything the MBG and their work to advance botany, conservation and education initiatives that benefit the St. Louis

area. Dr. Lohmann introduced and welcomed Lisa Hearn as the new Chief Financial Officer.

- Lisa Hearn - Chief Financial Officer – Ms. Hearn stated the ZMD tax support plays a critical role in helping the MBG serve the community and fulfil its mission. Over the past several years ZMD has represented between 20% and 30% of the Gardens total operating revenue. In 2025, ZMD support accounted for 23% of the operating revenue, including investments. In the fiscal year 2025, 100% of the ZMD funding was used to cover a portion of the MBG's total compensation, with 79% being utilized for salaries and the remaining 21% for employee benefits. The MBG remains committed to responsible stewardship, operational discipline and maximizing the impact of every public dollar that's entrusted to the MBG. Ms. Hearn also stated that the continued ZMD support ensures that the MBG remains a source for all residents today and for generations to come.
- Dr. Lucia Lohmann, President and Director – Dr. Lohmann stated that during this past year the MBG has lived up to their annual report, which is honoring the past and cultivating the future. Dr. Lohman honored the past by honoring Dr. Peter Brown, who served as president and director of the MBG, from 1971 until 2010. Dr. Lohmann focused on horticulture, science and conservation, visitor attendance, and the virtual and online presence. Dr. Lohmann stated she enjoyed getting together at the Thomas Jefferson Award, which was presented to the ZMD by the Missouri Historical Society.

Mr. Mummert thanked everyone for the presentation.

Board Members asked questions. And discussion ensued.

Mr. Mummert welcomed the board back; He asked that we review and discuss the information provided during the MBG presentation, Mr. Pollock will include them in post meeting correspondence.

A motion to approve May 19, 2026, regular Board Meeting Minutes was made by Ms. Clinkscale and seconded by Ms. Robbins. The Chair asked for discussion; no discussion ensued. The minutes were unanimously approved with members saying "Aye".

Mr. Mummert ask for the Executive Directors report.

Mr. Pollock shared that monthly financials will be posted in the Share Point portal. Post budget meeting correspondence letters will also be posted on Share Point

No committee reports.

Ms. Bryne had nothing to report.

No Old Business: Mr. Mummert shared the Economic Impact Study, will be on hold till after subdistrict meetings this summer.

No New Business

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Bakker moved that the regular meeting be adjourned, Ms. Clinkscale seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kenny Powell*

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Kenneth Powell  
Secretary