



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

August 25, 2026, 12:00 PM, via Teams at 5700 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Mummert welcomed the Missouri History Subdistrict Commissioners, Missouri Historical Society Trustees, MHS Management team, and other guests. The meeting was turned over to the History Museum.

Presentation by Missouri History Museum officials. The following was discussed:

- Peter Kastor, Chair of Missouri Historical Society Board of Trustees— Welcomed and thanked the ZMD for the continued support in the MHS.
- Cynthia Crim, Chair Missouri History Museum Subdistrict – Welcomed the ZMD on behalf of the Subdistricts Commissioners. Ms. Crim thanked the ZMD for its ongoing support which takes the stewardship seriously.
- Dr. Jody Sowell, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Missouri Historical Society – Dr. Sowell started the MHS deeply appreciate the opportunity to share some of our achievements from the last year. Dr. Sowell thanked the biggest donors, the taxpayers of St. Louis City and St. Louis County who make up the ZMD. Dr. Sowell highlighted the different ways I AM St. Louis is highlighted throughout the City of St. Louis. Dr. Sowell shared the

MHS celebration for its 160th birthday on August 11, 2026. Dr. Sowell wrote an article about the 16 biggest moments in MHS history to commemorate the 160th anniversary.

- Christina Renz, Chief Financial Officer of the Missouri Historical Society - Started the MHS would not be able to achieve the work without the support of the ZMD as well as the community. For 2026 the MHS total budget of revenue was just over \$20M and 50% of that came from the ZMD. Ms. Renz shared the total budgeted revenue is just under \$30 M. Total expense budget salaries and benefits represent 47% of the total budget. Ms. Renz shared information regarding the investment portfolio. Ms. Renz stated it was a great year in terms of MHS finances.
- Dr. Jody Sowell, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Missouri Historical Society Dr. Sowell shared We Are STL campaign received a \$1 M gift which has risen the total to about \$1M short of the goal. The Big exhibit this year is St. Louis at Bat which is commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Cardinals. This exhibit will include moments in baseball history including the Browns, Negro Leagues and Women's Baseball. Dr. Sowell highlighted other exhibits which include Shakin' Unstoried, Soldiers Memorial, Will Haygood book about the black experience in Vietnam, The I Am St. Louis book, the Josephine Baker sculpture a new portrait of Harriett Scott and St. Louis Civic Pride Initiative. Dr. Sowell stated that introducing people to a St. Louis they've never met could not be done without the ZMD.

Mr. Mummert thanked everyone for the presentation.

Board Members asked questions /made comments.

A motion to approve July 14, 2026, regular and closed Board Meeting Minutes was made by Jill Nowak and seconded by Brittany Robbins. The Chair asked for discussion; no discussion ensued. The minutes were unanimously approved by members saying "Aye"

Mr. Pollock shared the next month will be our tax rate meeting. He stated we are seeing a significant delay with information coming from the county. The tax rates must be submitted by October 1, 2026. Mr. Pollock also stated that the historical meeting packets are posted on the website.

No committee reports.

Ms. Bryne had nothing to report.

No Old Business or New Business to report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kenny Powell

Kenny Powell (Sep 22, 2025 13:49:10 CDT)

Kenneth Powell

Secretary

2. 2026 Minutes - August 25, 2026-Draft

Final Audit Report

2026-09-22

Created:	2026-09-22
By:	Florette Hampton (fhampton@zmdstl.org)
Status:	Signed
Transaction ID:	CBJCHBCAABAA3fDZGJ1bC_TkA2JRuIlZYtAv88HBB8R

"2. 2026 Minutes - August 25, 2026-Draft" History

-  Document created by Florette Hampton (fhampton@zmdstl.org)
2026-09-22 - 6:00:45 PM GMT
-  Document emailed to kenny@plfirm.com for signature
2026-09-22 - 6:01:21 PM GMT
-  Email viewed by kenny@plfirm.com
2026-09-22 - 6:48:33 PM GMT
-  Signer kenny@plfirm.com entered name at signing as Kenny Powell
2026-09-22 - 6:49:08 PM GMT
-  Document e-signed by Kenny Powell (kenny@plfirm.com)
Signature Date: 2026-09-22 - 6:49:10 PM GMT - Time Source: server - Signature Appearance Selected: MOBILE_TYPE
-  Agreement completed.
2026-09-22 - 6:49:10 PM GMT