

THE COLUMBUS ZOOLOGICAL PARK ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting, which was held at the Athletic Club of Columbus, was called to order at 4:05 PM.

Attendance was noted as follows:

Bergwall, Tim	P	Jackson, Brent	P
Boynton, Chris	P	Lloyd, Katie Wolfe	P
Brown, Michael	P	Mallory, Lark	P
Burbure, Stacey	P	Mayer, Jessica	P
Caulin-Glaser, Dr. Teri	P	McConnell II, John H.	P
Conley, Craig	P	O’Grady, Pam	E
Davis, Victor, Rev. Dr.	A	Paul, Kenneth	P
Edwards, Dr. Pete	P	Schmid, Tom (ex-officio)	P
Ezzie, Joseph	P	Talarek, Zachary	P
Gusty, Dan	P		
Hastings, Adriana	P		

Zoo staff attending: Chief Administrative Officer, Angel Mumma; Senior Vice President of External Affairs, Brian Harman; Senior Vice President of Animal Care and Conservation, Dr. Jan Ramer; Vice President of People and Culture, Chris Moses; Vice President of Communications and Marketing, Nicolle Gomez Racey, and Board Liaison and Recording Secretary, Sarah Doepke.

II. SECRETARY’S REPORT

Adriana Hastings asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the December 17, 2025 Board of Directors meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Chris Boynton and seconded by John H. McConnell II. The minutes were approved as presented.

III. MISSION MOMENT

Dan Gusty reflected on highlights from the last several years as well as more recent accomplishments – we are furthering our mission through our conservation impact and notable births including our two baby elephants.

IV. FINANCE UPDATE

Angel Mumma gave an update on the ticket tax law. We have selected a preferred vendor for private ambulance services to be on site during our peak times; we will share additional information once an agreement has been finalized.

Ms. Mumma presented a financial update through February for the Zoo, Zoombezi Bay, and The Wilds. She also gave an overview of planned 2026 capital projects. Following the financial update, Ms. Mumma gave a presentation on the Zoo’s overall financial position and financial health.

Ms. Mumma gave an overview of the Levy Oversight Committee meeting and discussed the resolution for the disbursement of levy funds. A motion to approve the disbursement of \$5,734,979.00 from Franklin County to the Columbus Zoological Park Association for expenses incurred between January 1, 2026 through March 18, 2026 was introduced by Chris Boynton. The motion was seconded by Ken Paul and approved.

V. **ZOO MASTER SITE PLAN UPDATE**

Tom Schmid informed the Board of several leadership updates – Chris Moses is the new Vice President of People and Culture, and Dr. Joe Greathouse is the new Vice President of The Wilds. In addition, Dr. Jan Ramer will be retiring in July.

Mr. Schmid introduced Jeff Pongonis, Principal, MKSK. Mr. Pongonis provided the Board with an update on the master site planning work to date and the process of grounding the 2040 framework plans in our site.

VI. **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**


Brian Harman highlighted upcoming events and provided a summary of Board engagement opportunities for each. Mr. Harman also gave an update on the One Wild World campaign, including progress to date and a campaign phase timeline. He also provided an overview of the Campaign Cabinet as well as upcoming milestones and opportunities.

VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**


A motion to enter Executive Session was introduced by Ken Paul. The motion was seconded by Katie Wolfe Lloyd and approved. The Board went into Executive Session at 5:27pm and came out of Executive Session at 5:45pm.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Following a motion introduced by Katie Wolfe Lloyd and seconded by Michael Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.



Dan Gusty, Chairperson



Sarah Doepke, Recording Secretary