THE COLUMBUS ZOOLOGICAL PARK ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2026

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting, which was held at Safari Golf Course's Events Center, was called to order at 4:08 PM.

Attendance was noted as follows:

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

Zoo staff attending: Chief Administrative Officer, Angel Mumma; Chief Operating Officer, Jen Ryan; Senior Vice President of External Affairs, Brian Harman; Senior Vice President of Animal Care and Conservation, Dr. Jan Ramer; General Counsel and Vice President of Legal Affairs, Teresa McIntyre, 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 March 25, 2026 Board of Directors meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Michael Brown and seconded by Pam O'Grady. The minutes were approved as presented.

III. **MISSION MOMENT**
Brent Jackson discussed his experience and takeaways after joining Tom Schmid and Brian Harman on a discovery visit to two Florida aquariums in early May.

IV. **FINANCE UPDATE**
Brent Jackson provided a Finance Committee update. Stacey Burbure, Tim Bergwall, and Scott Birrer have all recently joined the Committee. Over the past few months, the Committee has reviewed endowment fund holdings, reviewed the non-endowment fund portfolio, and discussed short-term funding options for projects associated with One Wild World.

Following the update, Mr. Jackson introduced several resolutions for a vote:

- Mr. Jackson detailed several updates made to the Investment Policy. A copy of the policy and proposed updates was made available to Board members in advance. A motion to approve the modifications to the Investment Policy (non-endowment funds) was introduced by John H. McConnell II. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pete Edwards and approved.
- Mr. Jackson then gave the Board an update regarding an investment opportunity that would be outside of our Investment Policy. Members of the Finance Committee met with The O.H.I.O. Fund recently to learn more about this firm, which invests in Ohio-based companies all over the state. Following a discussion on the details of the fund and the different investment opportunities available, a motion to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to invest up to $1 million in The O.H.I.O. Fund was introduced by

Chris Boynton. The motion was seconded by Craig Conley and approved. Dr. Pete Edwards recused himself from the discussion and from the vote.

- Mr. Jackson then discussed with the Board short term cash flow needs related to capital campaign projects. In the next 12 months, we will have several capital expenditure projects in process. For the Board's awareness, we are having conversations with banks regarding borrowing funds for short term cash flow needs. More discussion will take place at the next Board meeting.
- Following discussion on financing possibilities, a motion to authorize reimbursement of campaign expenses from tax-exempt financing proceeds was introduced by Joe Ezzie. The motion was seconded by Chris Boynton and approved.

Angel Mumma then 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 $7,664,189.00 from Franklin County to the Columbus Zoological Park Association for expenses incurred between March 19, 2026 through May 31, 2026 was introduced by Brent Jackson. The motion was seconded by Pam O'Grady and approved.

V. CEO UPDATE

Tom Schmid said that Zoombezi Bay season pass sales are strong, Safari Golf Course continues to perform well this summer, and we are excited about the premier of Adventure Nights, our new family-friendly evening program at the Zoo. Mr. Schmid stated that we have received qualifications from several companies for the potential hotel; this project is in the very early stages and we are still far from an RFP process.

Mr. Schmid then discussed Dr. Jan Ramer's retirement at the end of this month, sharing an overview of Dr. Ramer's impressive career in veterinary medicine, animal care, and conservation.

VI. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Brian Harman provided an update on the One Wild World campaign. At tonight's event at Africa Events Center, we will be sharing some very significant, transformational news. Later this week, there will be a full media rollout. Mr. Harman then asked Dr. Pete Edwards to share his perspective on campaign fundraising to date. Dr. Edwards stated that he is honored to serve on the campaign cabinet; he shared that the members of the cabinet have met and identified friends old and new and have started to talk to them about getting involved. Mr. Harman then provided an update on campaign progress since the last Board meeting.

VII. "CELEBRATING OUR CENTENNIAL" PREVIEW

Brian Harman stated that next year, the Zoo will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. We have an internal team in place that is building out a plan to celebrate; part of that effort is in showcasing the anniversary via a centennial brand. Mr. Harman introduced Graphic Designers David Basye and Craig Thomas to provide more detail. Mr. Basye and Mr. Thomas presented the centennial logo and brand and explained the strategy and thought process behind it. They also gave examples of how the logo and branding could be used. Their hope is that the centennial brand honors the past, celebrates the present and looks toward the future.

Following the centennial brand preview, Tom Schmid introduced special guest Kathaleen Hanna Stephenson. Ms. Stephenson gave remarks detailing what the Zoo means to her and her excitement surrounding her involvement in the One Wild World campaign.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter Executive Session was introduced by Michael Brown. The motion was seconded by Pam O'Grady and approved. The Board went into Executive Session at 4:53 PM and came out of Executive Session at 4:58 PM.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Dan Gusty, Chairperson

Sarah Doepke, Recording Secretary