

OAKLAND COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY
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Brandon Kolo, Chairperson
(Alternate: Robert Kalman)
Jennifer M. Grieco, Secretary
(Alternate: Gretchen Parks)

June 17, 2025

Alex Cooper
(Alternate: Tameka Ramsey)
Millie Hall
(Alternate: Helaine Zack)
Elizabeth Howe
(Alternate: Richard Strenger)

Chair Brandon Kolo called the meeting of the Oakland County Zoological Authority to order at 10:08 a.m., at the Detroit Zoo Ford Education Center, 8450 W. Ten Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon Kolo, Jennifer M. Grieco, Alex Cooper, Millie Hall, Elizabeth Howe

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Kalman, Gretchen Parks, Helaine Zack

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Zack moved approval of the minutes from July 22, 2024. Seconded by Grieco.

Motion carried.

Vote Summary:
Ayes: Kolo, Grieco, Cooper, Howe, Zack (5)
Nays: (0)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Zack moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Howe.

Motion carried.

Vote Summary:
Ayes: Kolo, Grieco, Cooper, Howe, Zack (5)
Nays: (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations were opened for the election of Chair.

Moved by Grieco, seconded by Howe that Brandon Kolo be elected as Chair.

There were no further nominations and nominations were closed.

Motion carried.

Vote Summary:

Ayes: Kolo, Grieco, Cooper, Howe, Zack (5)

Nays: (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, Brandon Kolo was elected Chair.

Nominations were opened for the election of Secretary.

Moved by Cooper, seconded by Howe that Jennifer Grieco be elected as Secretary.

There were no further nominations and nominations were closed.

Motion carried.

Vote Summary:

Ayes: Kolo, Grieco, Cooper, Howe, Zack (5)

Nays: (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, Jennifer Grieco was elected Secretary.

2024 AUDIT REPORT – REHMANN

Nate Balderman, Principal, Rehmann, reported on the results of the 2024 year-end audit.

Millie Hall joined the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

UPDATE FROM DETROIT ZOO - DR. HAYLEY MURPHY, DIRECTOR AND CEO

Dr. Hayley Murphy, Chief Executive Officer of the Detroit Zoological Society, gave a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted recent events at the zoo. Dr. Murphy answered Authority members' questions.

REPORT FOR OCZA DZS BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Kolo and Jennifer Grieco gave a brief update regarding the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) board activities.

DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY FINANCE REPORT – 2024

Robert Schumaker, Chief Financial Officer of the Detroit Zoological Society, gave an overview of the 2024 Detroit Zoological Society Finance Report, which includes statements of the society's financial position, activities and cash flows. The 2024 financial audit reflected no material findings with no opinion issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT – ROBERT WITTENBERG

Robert Wittenberg, Oakland County Treasurer, gave an overview of the Treasurer's Report for FY 2024-2025, Month 6, Balance sheet as of May 31, 2025.

UPDATE FROM OAKLAND COUNTY – OLDER ADULT SERVICES – JIM ELLISON, CHIEF

Jim Ellison was not able to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Chair Kolo reported that Mr. Ellison has been in contact with the zoo and recently met with their communications team regarding senior involvement and activities.

BUDGET APPROVALS

Approval of amendments to FY 2024/2025 Budget

Robert Wittenberg presented the FY 2024/2025 Budget with amendments.

Grieco moved approval of the FY 2024/2025 Budget, as presented. Seconded by Howe.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Vote Summary:

Ayes: Kolo, Grieco, Cooper, Howe, Hall (5)

Nays: (0)

Approval of FY 2025/2026 Budget

Robert Wittenberg presented the FY 2025/2026 Budget and Chair Kolo presented the following four resolutions:

Resolution One: Budget

Be it hereby resolved, the 2025-2026 Oakland County Zoological Authority budget for each fund is hereby appropriated as presented by the Treasurer.

Resolution Two: Purchasing

Whereas the Oakland County Zoological Authority finds it necessary to incur budgeted expenses;

Now therefore be it resolved, the Oakland County Zoological Authority Chair is authorized to place orders for and make payment of these expenses.

Resolution Three: Transfers

Now therefore be it resolved, the Treasurer is authorized to make administrative transfers within appropriate centers.

Resolution Four: Contracts

Whereas the Oakland County Zoological Authority finds it necessary to contract for services;

Now therefore be it resolved, the Oakland County Zoological Authority Chair is authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the Authority, provided the contracts do not exceed budgeted expenses.

Grieco moved approval of the FY 2025/2026 Budget, as presented, and the adoption of Resolutions One through Four. Seconded by Cooper.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Vote Summary:

Ayes: Kolo, Grieco, Cooper, Howe, Hall (5)

Nays: (0)

RESOLUTION – LEVY AND COLLECTION OF MILLAGE

Cooper moved approval of the Resolution for Levy and Collection of Millage and the accompanying 2025 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029), as presented. Seconded by Grieco.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Vote Summary:

Ayes: Kolo, Grieco, Cooper, Howe, Hall (5)

Nays: (0)

FUTURE MILLAGE - DISCUSSION

Chair Kolo gave a brief overview of the future millage plans. A subcommittee will be created in the future and chaired by Alex Cooper. A discussion was held.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Grieco moved approval of the contract between Oakland County and the Oakland County Zoological Authority. Seconded by Hall.

Motion carried.

Vote Summary:

Ayes: Kolo, Grieco, Cooper, Howe, Hall (5)

Nays: (0)

OTHER BUSINESS/NEXT MEETING DATE

Chair Kolo reminded members to visit the auction when attending the Sunset at the Zoo event.

The next meeting will be scheduled in the fall of 2025 prior to the end of the fiscal year. The actual dates will be confirmed closer to those timeframes.

ADJOURNMENT

Grieco moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Howe.

Motion carried.

Vote Summary:

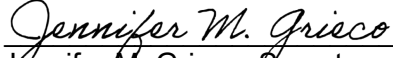
Ayes: Kolo, Grieco, Cooper, Howe, Hall (5)

Nays: (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.



Tracy Stolzenfeld, Committee Coordinator Sr.
Oakland County Board of Commissioners



Jennifer M. Grieco, Secretary
Oakland County Zoological Authority

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Authority approval.