



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Henry Vilas Zoo Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

8:00 AM Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at 702 S. Randall Ave;
attend virtually via Zoom.

A. Call To Order

Others present: Janine Wachter, Joseph Darcangelo, Amanda Pedersen,
Eddie Sherman, Jess Thompson, Beth Petersen, and Dr. Mary Thurber.

A motion was made by ROSS that the Zoo Commission meeting be called to
order at 8:04AM.

Present 6 - TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, ANNE ROSS, ERIN
WELSH, and JASMINE BANKS

Excused 1 - JON DEAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2026](#)
[MIN-167](#)

Attachments: [2026 MIN-167](#)

A motion was made by JUSTUS, seconded by GUNDERSON, that the minutes be
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

1 2027 Budget Preparations

Update given by J. Wachter.

2 HVZ Foundation Update

Update given by S. Justus.

3 Operations Update

Update given by E. Sherman.

4 Animal Programs Update

Update given by B. Petersen and Dr. Thurber.

5 Conservation/Education Update

Update given by J. Thompson.

6 Event/Marketing Update

Update given by E. Sherman.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next Zoo Commission meeting date will be Tuesday, September 8th. The meeting dates for the next three months are as follows: October 6th, November 10th, and December 8th.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by JUSTUS, seconded by EVERS, that the Zoo Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:17am. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Pedersen, pending approval from the Zoo Commission.