



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, July 7, 2026

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

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting.

A. Call To Order

Others present: Janine Wachter, Joseph Darcangelo, Kristin Moala, Courtney Cordova, 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 7 - TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, ANNE ROSS, JON DEAN, ERIN WELSH, and JASMINE BANKS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2026](#)
[MIN-140](#)

Attachments: [2026 MIN-140](#)

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. Welcome Jon Dean

E. Presentations

1. Interpretative Master Plan-Courtney Cordova (10 min. 5 min. questions)

Presented by C. Cordova.

F. Reports to Committee

1. 2027 Budget Preparations (10 min.)

Presented by J. Wachter.

2. HVZ Foundation Update

Update given by S. Justus.

3. Operations

Update given by E. Sherman.

4. Animal Updates

Update given by E. Petersen.

5. Conservation/Education

Update given by J. Thompson.

6. Event/Marketing

Update given by K. Moala.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next Zoo Commission meeting date will be Tuesday, August 4. The meeting dates for the next three months are as follows: September 8, October 6, and November 10.

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by JUSTUS, seconded by GUNDERSON, that the Zoo Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:12am. The motion carried unanimously.

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