



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, October 21, 2025

8:00 AM

702 S. Randall Avenue

A. Call To Order

A motion was made that the Zoo Commission meeting be called to order at 8:12am. The motion carried unanimously.

Present 4 - JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, ANNE ROSS, and ERIN WELSH

Excused 3 - TAG EVERS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, and JASMINE BANKS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-339](#)

Attachments: [2025 MIN-339](#)

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

[2025](#)
[PRES-170](#)

Attachments: [2025 PRES-170](#)

E. Reports to Committee

Ilana introduced herself and gave conservation/education updates: the WI State grant and upcoming bi-lingual events were discussed. Ronda presented the 2026 budget and gave operational and animal updates: the completed otter holding and upcoming camel fence projects, the tiger and seal's dental/medical procedures, and announced the upcoming Grizzly and Polar Bear transfers. Kristin gave event/marketing updates: zoo run, light the night, and upcoming events like zoo lights and boo at the zoo. The commission gave unanimous consent to support the 2026 Budget.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday November 18, 2025 starting at 8am.

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 WELSH, that the Zoo Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:12am. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Pedersen, pending approval from the commission.