



# 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?*

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Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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

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

#### A. Call To Order

A motion was made that the Zoo Commission meeting be called to order at 8:12am. The motion carried unanimously. Also present: Ronda Schwetz, Joseph Darcangelo, Kristin Moala, and Amanda Pedersen.

**Present** 6 - TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, ANNE ROSS, and JASMINE BANKS

**Excused** 1 - ERIN WELSH

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)  
[MIN-414](#)

**Attachments:** [2025 MIN-414](#)

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

#### C. Action Items

none

#### D. Presentations

none

**E. Reports to Committee**

Darcangelo reported on attendance numbers and end of year financials for: the zoo, SSA, donor tube revenue, train and carousel revenue, education revenue, and events revenue. Schwetz gave animal updates: the arrival of Siku the polar bear, pending arrival of Nora the polar bear, winter housing moves, the acquisition of a hedgehog for the ambassador animal program. Schwetz also gave operational updates: otter holding, seal shade, artic fox, and tundra buggy. Moala discussed the success of past events and the anticipation of upcoming events.

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday December 10th, 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 GUNDERSON, that the Zoo Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:12am. The motion carried unanimously.

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