



**San Francisco Zoological Society ("SFZS"):
Annual Meeting of Members and Election of Board of Directors**

November 18, 2025

2 p.m.

Osher Great Hall, Lurie Education Center
San Francisco Zoo & Gardens

Attendees:

Officers: SFZS Board Chair Marie-Claude Nadeau, Secretary Joan Murphy and Interim Co-CEO Cassandra Costello.

Guests: SFZS Docents, Members, and employees of the San Francisco Zoological Society.

SFZS Board Chair Marie-Claude Nadeau welcomed all to the Annual Members' Meeting.

Election of SFZS Directors

SFZS Secretary Joan Murphy presented the following slate of nominees for the Board of Directors:

For a three-year term ending September 2028: Josh Adler, M.D., Edwin Alvarez M.D., Sandy Yu Blair, Chris Corio, Matthew Delja, Chris Farinacci, John Flynn, Sarah Gammill, Mindy Henderson, Jenna Laszlo, Kevin Perkins, Justin Raphael, and Kevin Xu.

Murphy then announced that the following member has been elected to a two-year term ending in September 2026 as a Docent Representative: EB Beatty.

Murphy thanked the following, non-renewing members for their service: Elena Asturias, Alex Beckman, Veronica Bell, T. Bradford Canfield, Alexander P. Doll, Melinda Dunn, Nicole Lampsa Hsueh, Michael Kahn, Donna Egan Kampschuur, Remy Klein, Lynne Longmire, Kelly Phair McCarthy, Matthew Miller, Azita Owlia, Sarah Schoellkopf, Mary Sutton and Charley Zeches.

In addition, Chair Nadeau announced that the following members have been elected to Emeritus status: Rosemary Boccio Jochim, Sidney Goodwill, Edward Oates, and Edward Poole, Esq.

Chair Nadeau then stated that, as the Society has 23,000 members of record and the number of persons nominated to serve as directors is not more than the number of directors to be elected, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Society's Bylaws, the nominated directors have been elected.

“State of the Zoo”

COO Cassandra Costello welcomed and thanked all of the attendees for supporting SF Zoo & Gardens, thanked retiring CEO Tanya Peterson for over 25 years of leadership, and introduced herself and CFO Jeff Pace as Interim Co-CEOs. She then reviewed highlights from the past fiscal year, including new Critically Endangered species at SF Zoo, such as Western gorilla “Cecil”, Western Santa Cruz giant tortoises, yellow-naped Amazons, red-fronted macaws, mountain bongo, and Panamanian golden frogs. In addition, SF Zoo’s Critically Endangered Bali mynas hatched two chicks this year, in a milestone for both the Zoo and the species. She reviewed rescue successes as part of the Wildlife Confiscation Network program, and discussed achievements in local conservation programs supported by SF Zoo, including ongoing programs with California red-legged frogs and yellow-legged frogs, and a new program conserving San Francisco garter snakes. Ms. Costello announced new events such as the popular “Dog Days” program and the return of beloved programming including the Little Learners Early Childhood program. She discussed SF Zoo’s community outreach, both hosting on-campus events such as “More Than Pink” walk and offsite outreach including attending local fairs and festivals, like the Richmond Autumn Moon Festival. She reminded all of the two new recently opened exhibits: the “Under the Canopy” art installation and Phase 2 of the Lipman Family Madagascar Exhibit. Lastly, she announced the launch of the new SF Zoo mobile app and encouraged all to download it. (PPT)

Comments from Members:

SF Zoo Members made inquiries about the new “Cobby” train engine and the proposed Giant Panda exhibit.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AT 2:28 p.m.