



Tier I & Zoological Advisory Board Orientation

Thursday, August 27, 2026 | 9:00AM–3:30PM
Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, Conference Room
2525 Taylorsville Blvd. Taylorsville, UT 84129

In-Person Meeting

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order & Welcome:** Chair Peter Klinge **9:00**
 - Member Activity: Provide one word that summarizes your thoughts and reflections on the work and contributions of ZAP applicants to Salt Lake County residents and visitors.
- II. Public Comment Period:** Chair Klinge **9:10**
 - The ZAP Advisory Boards will accept public comments regarding ZAP business in the following formats:
 - Written comments may be submitted to the ZAP Advisory Board Liaison, Dustyn Burt, via email (dburt@saltlakecounty.gov) no later than two hours prior to the meeting start time on the day of the meeting.
 - Verbal comments of two minutes or less will be accepted in person at all ZAP Advisory Board meetings.
- III. Agenda Overview:** Samantha Thermos, Program Director **9:15**
 - Agenda and Materials
- IV. ACTION ITEM: Approve Advisory Board 5.28.26 Meeting Minutes** - Chair Klinge **9:20**
- V. ACTION ITEM: Election of Advisory Board 2027 Leadership** **9:25**
 - a. Samantha Thermos, Ex Officio (Election Facilitator)
 - i. Nominees: Chair, Lynette Wendel | Vice Chair,
- VI. Staff Presentation: 2027 Tier I & Zoological SWO & Data Reports** **9:30**
 - Samantha/Cody
- VII. CPA Review Overview:** Tori Potestio, CPA, Sorensen Vance & Company, PC **9:50**
 - Overall TI&Z Applicant Pool and Industry Trends
 - Overview of Financial Health Tests (FHT): Explanation of Tests Performed
 - Results: FHT Failures
 - 1. Financial Health Improvement Plan – Samantha
 - 2. Organizational Health Letters – Samantha
 - Related Party Transactions: Allow/Disallow as Qualified Expenditures up to \$5,000
 - Samantha/Tori: 2027 Tier I Summary
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Related Party Costs Expenditures In/Exclusion Vote

1. Call for Motion – Chair Klinge

- VIII. **Applications Reviews by Discipline:** Advisory Board **10:30**
- Dance
 - Ballet West
 - Reparatory Dance Theatre
 - Ririe-Woodbury Dance
 - Tanner Dance
 - Music
 - Utah Symphony Utah Opera
 - Media Arts
 - Salt Lake Film Society
 - Utah Film Center
- IX. **Photos & Lunch Break** **11:30**
- Photos before lunch.
- X. **Applications Reviews Con't** – Advisory Board **12:00**
- Botanical
 - Red Butte Garden & Arboretum
 - Wasatch Community Gardens
 - Tree Utah
 - Zoological
 - Utah's Hogle Zoo
 - Loveland Living Planet Aquarium
 - Tracy Aviary
 - Natural History
 - Natural History Museum of Utah
 - Visual Arts
 - Utah Museum of Contemporary Arts
 - Utah Museum of Fine Arts
 - Arts Education
 - Discovery Gateway Children's Museum
 - Spy Hop
 - Theatre
 - Hale Centre Theatre
 - Pioneer Theatre Company
 - Salt Lake Acting Company
- XI. **Afternoon Break** **2:00**

- XII. Applications Reviews Con't – Advisory Board 2:15**
- Multi-Disciplinary
 - Utah Arts Alliance
 - Utah Arts Festival
 - Utah Presents
 - Local Arts Agency
 - Salt Lake Arts Council
 - Humanities
 - Utah Humanities Council
- XIII. ACTION ITEM: Vote to Approve Funding Recommendations – Chair Klinge 3:15**
- Call for a motion to approve Tier I & Zoological 2027 Funding Recommendations.
- XIV. Adjourn – Chair Klinge 3:20**

Materials

- Agenda, including Review Order
- Orientation Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2026
- Open & Public Meetings Act & Robert's Rules of Order Summary
- 2027 Tier I & Zoological SWO Report
 - Including the Funding Recommendations Score Guide and FHT Score Rubric
- 2027 Tier I & Zoological Data Report
- Financial Health Tests Summary 2025–2027
- Board Practice: 2027 TI&Z Related Party Transactions Summary
- Board Practice: Organizational Health Letter Process Framework

Important Dates - MVPAC

September 10, 10AM-12PM: TI&Z All-Day Review Follow Up Mtg (if needed)

September 24, 9AM-4PM: Tier II All-Day Review

October 14, Afternoon: Impact Program Workshop – Finding Story

Meeting also available through Cisco Webex: 9:00-3:30PM: [LINK](#)

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