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Mayor Appoints 7 New Members to Zoo Board of Directors

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At Jackson's city council meeting this week, members approved the slate of new appointees directed by the mayor to serve on the board of directors for the Jackson Zoo.

"These individuals were selected because they all have a strong commitment to the Jackson Zoo and not only making sure that it continues to be successful, but ensuring that it continues to grow as one of the city's most celebrated attractions," said Mayor Johnson. "I commend them for their willingness to serve and have no doubt they will work tirelessly to support the facility."

The following individuals will begin their service immediately at the next board meeting of the zoo on July 19th.

- Mr. Wade Overstreet (Ward 1 Resident) Blue Cross & Blue Shield of MS
- Mrs. Shirley Tucker (Ward 2 Resident) Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership
- Mrs. Sirena Wilson (Ward 3 Resident) Entergy
- Mr. Dexter Robinson (Ward 4 Resident) Tougaloo College Alumni Affairs
- Mrs. Maggie Benson-White (Ward 5 Resident) Community Volunteer
- Ms. W.M. McClendon (Ward 6 Resident) Community Volunteer
- Mrs. Joanne Pritchard-Morris (Ward 7 Resident) J. Pritchard Morris LLC

Zoo admission is **\$9.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children** ages 2-12, and \$8.10 for senior citizens (65 and over). Children under the age of 2 and Friends of the Zoo members are admitted free of charge.

The Jackson Zoo is located at 2918 West Capitol Street in Jackson and is **open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Visit www.jacksonzoo.org to check out exciting special events, animal updates, one-of-a-kind education programs, membership and adoption packages, and so much more. The Jackson Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The AZA is America's leading accrediting organization that sets rigorous, professional standards for zoos and aquariums. The AZA is building North America's largest wildlife conservation movement by engaging and inspiring the 143 million annual visitors to its member institutions and their communities to care about and take action to help protect wildlife.

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