



Minutes

Tempe Family Justice Commission

October 17, 2023

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, October 17, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Mark Perkovich, Vice Chair
Mary O'Grady
Ilene Dode
Jeanette Costa
Patricia Riggs
Anastasia Stinchfield
Jill Etienne
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley
Bjorg LeSueur

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Jill Oliver, Chair
James Sweig

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Guest Appearances

There were no guest appearances.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Vice Chair Perkovich called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Chair Oliver and Commission Member Sweig were absent.
Commission Members Tinsley and LeSueur arrived after attendance was taken.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of September 19, 2023 Minutes

No edits were made to the September 19, 2023 Minutes.

MOTION: Commission Member Dode moved to APPROVE the September 19, 2023, Minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Costa; Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Vice Chair Perkovich, Commission Members O'Grady, Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, and Etienne.

ABSENT: Chair Oliver and Commission Members Sweig, LeSueur, and Tinsley.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Vice Chair Perkovich noted that newly-appointed, Commission Member James Sweig, is taking over the Tempe Police Department's Family Justice Commission Member position formerly held by Josie Montenegro.

Agenda Item 6 – Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation Update – Vice Chair Perkovich

Vice Chair Perkovich reviewed the Tempe City Council's Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation and noted that Council recognized the Commission's work. Vice Chair Perkovich commended the Commission's continued work in education and advocacy on topics relating to Domestic Violence awareness.

Agenda Item 7 – Commission Member Introductions – Commission Member Mary O'Grady

Commission Member O'Grady informed the Commission of her personal background, including her involvement in her Episcopalian Church and being married with three children who were raised in Tempe.

Commission Member O'Grady advised of her family roots in Arizona, with both of her parents being born in Arizona.

Commission Member O'Grady mentioned her educational background, which focused on Mexican immigrant history before attending law school.

Commission Member O'Grady informed of her previous work with the Arizona state legislature, the Arizona Solicitor General's Office, and in private litigation, where she primarily works with public entities and on cases involving constitutionality.

Commission Member O'Grady mentioned her volunteer work with ALWAYS, a non-profit that provides legal services to human trafficking survivors and individuals impacted by homelessness.

Commission Member O'Grady summarized her career as working to "help government work as it should" and noted her life's achievements emphasizing family, work, and community involvement.

Vice Chair Perkovich thanked Commission Member O'Grady for her years of service to the Family Justice Commission, including two years serving as Chair of the Commission.

Agenda Item 8 – Family Justice Commission Annual Report Accomplishments for Calendar Year 2023

The Commission Members discussed and drafted their accomplishments for 2023 Calendar Year.

Agenda Item 9 – Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Presentation Work Session – Commission Member Tinsley

Agenda item was deferred so the Commission Members could review the Presentation prior to the next Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 10 – Arizona State University Training Collaboration Exploration Discussion – Commission Member Jill Etienne

Commission Member Etienne gave an overview of Arizona State University's intimate partner violence research and risk assessment program.

Vice Chair Perkovich expressed his endorsement of the violence prevention work being done by Arizona State University.

The Commission Members discussed the logistics of conducting a training.

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to proceed with conducting a training.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Dode; Motion passed.

AYES: Vice Chair Perkovich and Commission Members Dode, O'Grady, Costa, Stinchfield, Riggs, Tinsley, Etienne, and LeSueur.

ABSENT: Chair Oliver and Commission Member Sweig.

Agenda Item 11 – City of Tempe Community Health and Human Services – Organization Review

Dr. Bentley presented an organizational chart, detailing the department's leadership and work groups.

Agenda Item 12 – City of Tempe Social Determinants of Health Framework Follow-Up – Dr. Bentley

Dr. Bentley informed the Commission that the Social Determinants of Health Framework will be formally adopted by the Tempe City Council and Mayor as part of their Annual Review.

Dr. Bentley mentioned that additional data for the Social Determinants of Health online dashboard is being prepared for publication.

Agenda Item 13 – Tempe Family Advocacy Center Program Update – Commission Member Stinchfield

Commission Member Stinchfield advised that CARE7 is having a Domestic Violence Awareness event at the Family Advocacy Center and updates about the event will be given at the next Family Justice Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 14 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update – Commission Member Costa

The Agenda Item was deferred.

Agenda Item 15 – Commission Member Updates

There were no Commission Member Updates.

Agenda Item 16 –Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Perkovich proposed to add a Work Study Session regarding the Intimate Partner Violence Training at the next Commission Meeting.

Commission Member Costa recommended that Community Supervision Manager, Dianna Kalandros, speak to the Family Justice Commission about her programs at a future Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 17 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley motioned to ADJOURN the Meeting.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Costa; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Vice Chair Perkovich and Commission Members Dode, O’Grady, Costa, Stinchfield, Riggs, Tinsley, Etienne, and LeSueur.

ABSENT: Chair Oliver and Commission Member Sweig.

Vice Chair Perkovich declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2023.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission