



## Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission March 16, 2021

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, March 16, 4:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Mary O'Grady, Chair  
Ilene Dode, Vice-Chair  
Patricia Riggs  
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley  
Kristen Scharlau  
Megan Brown  
Robin Nelson  
Jeanette Costa  
Josie Montenegro  
Mark Perkovich

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Jill Oliver

**City Staff Present:**

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director  
Ami Johnson, Administrative Assistant II+  
Anastasia Stinchfield, Victim Services Coordinator

**Public Appearances**

None Present

**Guest Appearances**

None Present

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Mary O'Grady called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**

None Present

**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of February 16, 2021 Minutes**

**MOTION:** Commission Member Margaret 'Peggy' Tinsley moved to APPROVE the February 16, 2021 minutes.  
**SECOND:** Motion Seconded by Commission Member Jeanette Costa; Motion passed on a 10-0 Vote

**AYES: Chair Mary O'Grady, Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Commission Members Margaret 'Peggy' Tinsley, Patricia Riggs, Robin Nelson, Megan Brown, Mark Perkovich, Kristen Scharlau, Josie Montenegro and Jeanette Costa.**

**ABSENT: Jill Oliver**

**Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks**

**Agenda Item 6 – Family Advocacy Discussion, including editing and action for a proposed Family Advocacy Center letter of support**

- Chair Mary O'Grady expressed her excitement of for this Thursday's City Council Work Study Session, as it is the first time Family Advocacy Center is on the agenda.
- Paul Bentley reviewed the memorandum that will be presented to Mayor and Council. The memorandum clarifies the purpose of the Family Advocacy Center, as well as all the research and groundwork completed by the Family Justice Commission over the past 3 years, such as budget, staffing and building needs, partnerships and other findings and work completed.
- Chair Mary O'Grady reviewed the draft letter of support of the Family Advocacy Center on behalf of the Family Justice Commission. The letter was approved by the Commission.

**Agenda Item 7 – Discuss, Edit and Possible Action for the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandum**

- Paul Bentley reviewed the draft memorandum to City Council regarding Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in April. The memorandum was approved by the Commission and will be prepared to send to City Council by the end of the month.

**Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items**

- Chair Mary O'Grady proposed possible additional memorandums to City Council that are not based in Awareness months and may be based in issues or stories that City Council need to be briefed on.

**Agenda Item 9– Commission Member Updates**

**Agenda Item 10– Adjournment**

Mary declared the meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

Next meeting will be on April 20, 2021

Minutes Prepared by: Ami Johnson

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

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Mary O'Grady, Chair  
Tempe Family Justice Commission