



# Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission May 16, 2023

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, May 16, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

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

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

**City Staff Present:**

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director  
Nicole Galvan, Administrative Assistant II+

**Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Guest Appearances**

Constable Karyn Lathan was present to speak to the Commission about Tempe Leadership and Tempe Cares.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

All members were in attendance. No members were absent.

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of April 18, 2023 Minutes**

No edits were made to the April 18, 2023 Minutes.

**MOTION:** Commission Member Tinsley moved to APPROVE the April 18, 2023, Minutes.

**SECOND:** Motion Seconded by Commission Member Dode; Motion passed unanimously

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

**ABSENT:** No members were absent.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks**

Chair Oliver thanked the members for their attendance and participation in the Commission and expressed intention to discuss the Commission's mission and goals for the upcoming year.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Commission Member Introductions – Vice Chair Mark Perkovich**

Vice Chair Perkovich informed the commission of his background, including his previous work as a domestic violence investigator for Tempe Police Department, his work on the Arizona Attorney General's Elder Abuse Task Force, and his position managing compliance with the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board.

Vice Chair Perkovich detailed his most recent work on the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative, where he reviews cases involving gender-based violence and child fatalities.

Vice Chair Perkovich informed the Commission Members of the fatality review process and discussed his upcoming review work in El Salvador.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Tempe Leadership / Tempe Cares Presentation – Karyn Lathan**

Ms. Lathan explained that Tempe Leadership is a nine-month program that trains members of the community to be leaders in public service, provides networking opportunities for participants, and offers class members the opportunity to work on a highly impactful service project, which is chosen by Tempe Leadership participants each year.

Ms. Lathan described Tempe Cares as an annual service project that works to clean up an area of blight within the city.

Ms. Lathan explained that the Tempe Cares project is funded by fundraising from Tempe Leadership.

Ms. Lathan informed the Commission of Tempe Youth Leadership, a leadership program for high school students.

Ms. Lathan advised that applicants may apply for the Tempe Leadership programs online at

<https://www.tempeleadership.org/apply>

### **Agenda Item 8 – City of Tempe Social Determinants of Health Framework Follow Up – Dr. Paul Bentley**

Dr. Bentley reminded the Commission Members to be mindful of the health and wellbeing data the city collects to assist leaders in building strategies for future planning.

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

Commission Member Tinsley and Commission Member LeSueur agreed to work together to create a script and to add audio to the Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention presentation.

### **Agenda Item 10 – Family Justice Commission Sponsored Training Discussion**

The Commission members discussed what type of training they would like to provide as well as who the target audience would be.

Chair Oliver proposed that the training discussion continue at the Strategic Planning Retreat.

### **Agenda Item 11 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan Discussion**

Chair Oliver postponed this agenda item due to time constraints.

### **Agenda Item 12 – Family Justice Commission Annual Retreat Planning – Chair Jill Oliver**

The Commission Members discussed how long the planning retreat should be and what dates would work best for most of the members.

Ms. Galvan resolved to send out a Doodle poll to select an ideal date to schedule the planning retreat.

### **Agenda Item 13 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update – Commission Member Costa**

Commission Member Etienne asked about the request for the Parks and Recreation Department to distribute posters.

Dr. Bentley informed the Commission that the Parks and Recreation Department picked up and distributed posters to their facilities.

### **Agenda Item 14 – Tempe Family Advocacy Center Program Update – Commission Member Stinchfield**

The Commission Members resolved to participate in a tour of the Family Advocacy Center on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

### **Agenda Item 15 – Commission Member Updates**

Commission Member Tinsley noted that the Boards and Commission appreciation event is on Friday, May 19, 2023.

### **Agenda Item 16 –Future Agenda Items**

Commission Member Dode informed the Commission that September is Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month and proposed that the Commission invite Sandra McNally of EMPACT Survivors of Suicide to speak at the September Family Justice Commission meeting.

Chair Oliver reviewed the future agenda items from the agenda.

Commission Member Costa proposed that the CEASE Training be included as a future agenda item.

### **Agenda Item 17 – Adjournment**

**MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to ADJOURN the Meeting.**

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

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

**ABSENT: No members were absent.**

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

The next meeting will be on June 20, 2023.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

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Jill Oliver, Chair  
Tempe Family Justice Commission