



Minutes

Tempe Family Justice Commission

November 21, 2023

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Ilene Dode
Jeanette Costa
Patricia Riggs
Anastasia Stinchfield
Jill Etienne
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley
Bjorg LeSueur

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Jill Oliver, Chair
Mark Perkovich, Vice Chair
James Sweig
Mary O'Grady

City Staff Present:

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

Public Appearances

David Lucier, candidate for Tempe City Council, was present.

Guest Appearances

Gregorio Garcia, president of Tempe Diablos, was present.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Commission Member Etienne called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Perkovich, and Commission Members Sweig and O'Grady were absent.
Commission Member LeSueur arrived after attendance was taken.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

David Lucier introduced himself and informed the Commission Members that he is a candidate for Tempe City Council.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of October 17, 2023 Minutes

No edits were made to the October 17, 2023 Minutes.

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to APPROVE the October 17, 2023, Minutes.

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

AYES: Commission Members Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, Tinsley, LeSueur, and Etienne.

ABSENT: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Perkovich, and Commission Members Sweig and O'Grady.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Agenda item was deferred due to Chair Oliver being absent from the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Family Justice Commission Board Membership Update

Commission Member Etienne accepted her reappointment and will continue to serve as a Tempe Family Justice Commission Member for a second term.

Vice Chair Perkovich will not be serving another term as a Tempe Family Justice Commission Member. The seat currently held by Vice Chair Perkovich will be vacant until a new Commission Member is appointed to fill the seat.

After December 2023, Commission Members Tinsley and O'Grady will have served two consecutive terms and are ineligible to serve additional terms on the Commission.

Commission Member Tinsley's seat will be filled by a new candidate, who has accepted the position.

Commission Member O'Grady's seat will be vacant until a new Commission Member is appointed to fill the seat.

Vice Chair Perkovich, Commission Member Tinsley, and Commission Member O'Grady will be honored for their service to the Tempe Family Justice Commission at the December Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Commission Member Introductions – Commission Member Ilene Dode

Commission Member Dode informed the commission that she grew up in Michigan where she received her educational background in the field of child psychology.

Commission Member Dode mentioned that she has been married for 62 years and has two children, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Commission Member Dode reflected the values her parents instilled in her - including integrity, respect, family, commitment, hard work, and volunteerism. Commission Member Dode recognized an aunt who she considered a mentor and role model who influenced her to pursue education and travel.

Commission Member Dode presented her career background – completing graduate studies at Arizona State University and going on to work in the fields of crisis intervention, substance abuse treatment, and suicide prevention.

Commission Member Dode mentioned that she served on a federal substance abuse board, the state foster review board, and was honored by Supreme Court Justice Rehnquist.

Commission Member Dode listed her volunteer activities, including work in assisting refugees seeking asylum from violence, her work as a volunteer airport navigator, as well as volunteering with the Phoenix Symphony, ASU Gammage, and the Tempe Women's Club.

Agenda Item 8 – Tempe Diablos Presentation and Discussion – President Gregorio Garcia

Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that Tempe Diablos is a volunteer-based organization that originally formed from the Tempe Chamber of Commerce in the 1960s to advocate for Major League Baseball Spring Training to occur in Tempe.

Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that the funding from the Spring Training events is now used by the Tempe Diablos organization to award grants to help fund the city's government initiatives and nonprofit organizations who focus on education and community enhancement.

Mr. Garcia mentioned that the information to attend Tempe Diablos events and to apply for grants can be found on their website at <https://www.tempediablos.org/>

Agenda Item 9 – Family Justice Commission 2023 Annual Report Final Review and Adoption

The Commission Members reviewed and made final revisions to the 2023 Annual Report.

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to adopt the 2023 Family Justice Commission Annual Report.

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

AYES: Commission Members Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, Tinsley, LeSueur, and Etienne.

ABSENT: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Perkovich, and Commission Members Sweig and O'Grady.

Agenda Item 10 – Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Presentation Work Session – Commission Member Tinsley

Commission Member Tinsley advised that the presentation is complete and ready to be shown to Tempe City Council.

Commission Member Tinsley proposed that the presentation be available for sharing to other interested parties going forward.

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to send the presentation to be shown to the Tempe Mayor and City Council.

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

AYES: Commission Members Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, Tinsley, LeSueur, and Etienne.

ABSENT: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Perkovich, and Commission Members Sweig and O'Grady.

Agenda Item 11 – Arizona State University Training Collaboration Planning Process – Commission Member Jill Etienne

The Commission Members discussed the content, format, and intended audience for the training. The Commission Members determined that the training should be a webinar that can be recorded. Commission Member Etienne proposed to ask the presenters what the main takeaway for the training would be and who the intended audience should be.

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 factors were approved by the Tempe Mayor and City Council and have been added to the city's performance management system. Dr. Bentley advised that the Social Determinants of Health will inform the city budget priorities. Dr. Bentley advised that two years of data has been collected on the city's Social Determinants of Health data dashboard.

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

Commission Member Stinchfield mentioned that the CARE 7 team recently hired an additional victim advocate. Commission Member Stinchfield informed that CARE 7 conducted a self-care event at the Family Advocacy Center for victims of Domestic Violence. Commission Member Stinchfield mentioned that self-care event provided clients with a hair and nail spa experience, snacks, and support group resources. Commission Member Stinchfield commended the self-care event as a reflection of the work done by the Family Justice Commission and staff members to create a safe space for victims.

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

Commission Member Costa proposed that the Family Justice Commission connect with the city's volunteer program to get assistance with distributing the posters to the city's public areas and restrooms.

Agenda Item 15 – Commission Member Updates

Commission Member Costa mentioned that she met with Dianna Kalandros, Manager of the City of Tempe's Counseling Services department, to discuss the incorporation of play therapy into the city's counseling services. Dr. Bentley advised that the Commission Members will be voting for a new Vice Chair at the December Commission Meeting. Dr. Bentley informed the Commission Members that Chair Oliver, while not able to attend the most recent Commission Meetings, has met with Dr. Bentley regularly to create the meeting agendas and establish the Commission Meeting priorities.

Agenda Item 16 –Future Agenda Items

Dr. Bentley reminded the Commission Members that Dianna Kalandros, City of Tempe Manager of Community Supervision and Counseling Services, will attend the next Commission meeting to discuss the city's Counseling Services. Dr. Bentley informed the Commission that the December Commission meeting will include a celebration of the Commission Members who will be leaving the Commission after the new year. Dr. Bentley advised the Commission that the APRAIS intimate partner violence risk assessment will be discussed at the next 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: Commission Members Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, Tinsley, LeSueur, and Etienne.
ABSENT: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Perkovich, and Commission Members Sweig and O'Grady.

Commission Member Etienne declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.
The next meeting will be on December 12, 2023.

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Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission