



# Minutes

## Tempe Family Justice Commission

### December 12, 2023

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

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

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

**City Staff Present:**

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

**Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Guest Appearances**

There were no guest appearances.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

No Commission Members were absent.

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of November 21, 2023 Minutes**

No edits were made to the November 21, 2023 Minutes.

**MOTION:** Commission Member Tinsley moved to APPROVE the November 21, 2023, Minutes.

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

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

**ABSENT:** No Commission Members were absent.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks**

Chair Oliver mentioned that she is pleased to be attending Commission Meetings once again and advised that she does not have any classes that interfere with the Family Justice Commission meeting schedule next semester.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Family Justice Commission Board Membership Celebration of Service**

Chair Oliver recognized and thanked Commission Member O'Grady and Commission Member Tinsley for their wonderful, capable, and supportive leadership and service to the Family Justice Commission.

Chair Oliver recognized and thanked Vice Chair Perkovich for his valued input, expertise, and service to the Family Justice Commission.

Commission Member Tinsley stated that the Commission is in good hands and offered to lend her expertise to the Family Justice Commission whenever needed in the future.

Dr. Bentley recognized and thanked Vice Chair Perkovich for his helpful, supportive, and engaged service to the Family Justice Commission.

Dr. Bentley recognized and thanked Commission Member Tinsley for promoting and serving the Commission well.

Dr. Bentley recognized and thanked Commission O'Grady for her work in lobbying for the Family Advocacy Center and bringing the Family Advocacy Center to fruition.

Commission Member O'Grady stated that she learned from the expertise of the Family Justice Commission Members and feels that the Commission is in good hands. Commission Member Grady stated that she is honored to have served the Commission.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Community Health and Human Services – Counseling Services Presentation – Dianna Kalandros**

Agenda Item 7 was deferred due to the guest speaker, Dianna Kalandros, being unable to attend the meeting.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Family Justice Commission Vice Chair Election – Chair Oliver**

Chair Oliver opened the meeting to nominations for Vice Chair.

Commission Member Dode nominated Commission Member Etienne.

Commission Member Etienne accepted the nomination for Vice Chair of the Family Justice Commission.

The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of Commission Member Etienne serving as Vice Chair of the Family Justice Commission in 2024.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month Council Communication Workshop – Chair Oliver**

The Commission Members edited and reviewed the Memorandum.

**MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to APPROVE the Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandum.**

**SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Etienne; Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**ABSENT: No Commission Members were absent.**

### **Agenda Item 10 – Arizona State University Training Collaboration Planning Process – Commission Member Jill Etienne**

The Commission Members agreed to aim for the Training to take place in April.

Dr. Bentley suggested that the training invitation be sent to the city leaders within the Public Safety departments, as well as the city's elected officials and City Manager.

Dr. Bentley suggested that the Commission Members create a proposal for the training with the pertinent information to send to city leadership.

### **Agenda Item 11 – Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Presentation Update – Commission Member Tinsley**

Dr. Bentley advised that the Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Presentation will be included in the next City Council Meeting packet.

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

Dr. Bentley informed the Commission that the IT department is refining the Social Determinants of Health data dashboard.

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

Commission Member Stinchfield presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter data for 2023 and advised that there has been an increase in the previous clients served, which was attributed to the trauma healing program.

Commission Member Stinchfield advised that the rise in violent crime during the Covid-19 pandemic seems to be trending down now.

Commission Member Stinchfield mentioned that the city's HOPE team and Housing department have been assisting in providing services to CARE7 clients who are experiencing homelessness.

Commission Member Stinchfield commended the fact that Community Health and Human Services is working with individuals as an entire department.

Commission Member Costa asked if a nurse is on staff with Victim Services.

Commission Member Stinchfield advised that there are plans to add a nurse to the staff but the department is still working to add the position.

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

Commission Member Costa advised that she reached out to the City of Tempe's volunteer coordinator recently about coordinating a volunteer effort to distribute the domestic violence posters. Commission Member Costa said that she is waiting to hear back from the volunteer coordinator.

Dr. Bentley advised that he would follow-up with the city's Volunteer Services department.

Commission Member Riggs suggested that the Commission inquire about volunteers from Arizona State University's service project or volunteer groups.

Dr. Bentley suggested that the Community Diversion clients from the city's Community Supervision department may be able to assist in distributing posters.

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

Dr. Bentley advised that there will be two vacancies for the legal and nonprofit positions on the Family Justice Commission in 2024.

Dr. Bentley advised the Commission that Emily Davis will be appointed into a Member-At-Large position and will begin serving on the Family Justice Commission in January.

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

Dr. Bentley informed the Commission that Dianna Kalandros, Manager of Community Supervision and City of Tempe Counseling Services, will be available to speak to the Family Justice Commission at the next meeting.

Commission Member Costa suggested that the Commission learn more about the HOPE program.

Dr. Bentley stated that he will reach out to Jessica Wright, the Homeless Solutions Supervisor, to invite her to speak to the Commission.

Dr. Bentley reminded the Commission that they will need to create a proposal for the upcoming training they are hosting, and review the Family Justice Commission Ordinance in accordance with the Strategic Plan.

### **Agenda Item 17 – Adjournment**

**MOTION: Commission Member Costa motioned to ADJOURN the Meeting.**

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

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

**ABSENT: No Commission Members were absent.**

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.

The next meeting will be on January 16, 2024.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

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Jill Oliver, Chair  
Tempe Family Justice Commission