



Minutes

Tempe Family Justice Commission

December 17, 2024

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jill Oliver, Chair
Jill Etienne, Vice Chair
James Sweig
Jeanette Costa
Patricia Riggs
Bjorg LeSueur
Stephen Baines
Shannon Burns
Ilene Dode
Emily Davis
Anastasia Stinchfield

(MEMBERS) Absent:

City Staff Present:

Nicole Galvan, Administrative Assistant II+
Dr. Jacqueline Webster, Deputy Director, Community Health and Human Services

Public Appearances

Dr. James Carty, Commission Member Appointee

Guest Appearances

There were no guest appearances.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Commissioner Dode, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Stinchfield were absent from the meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Dr. James Carty attended the meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of November 19, 2024 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Etienne moved to APPROVE the November 19, 2024, Minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner LeSueur; Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commissioners Sweig, Costa, Riggs, LeSueur, Baines, Dode, Davis, Stinchfield, and Burns.

ABSENT: No Commission Members were absent.

Agenda Item 5 – Review and Approve 2024 Family Justice Commission Annual Report – Chair Oliver

The Commission Members discussed and reviewed the 2024 Family Justice Commission Annual Report. The Commission Members assigned Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandums to individual Commission Members according to the following calendar schedule:

- February – Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month – Commissioner Baines
- April – Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month – Commissioners Stinchfield and Davis
- September – Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month – Dr. James Carty, Commission Member Appointee
- October – Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month – Commissioners Stinchfield and Costa

Agenda Item 6 – Chair Remarks

Chair Oliver noted that the Tempe Family Advocacy Center and CARE7 are not listed on Arizona State University's list of resources for sexual abuse survivors and advised the Commission Members to take steps to ensure that the City of Tempe's resources are included in the university's resource lists.

Chair Oliver informed the Commission Members that she will no longer be on the Commission in 2025 and will be enjoying her retirement with her family.

Agenda Item 7 – Community Health and Human Services Deputy Director Introduction – Dr. Jacqueline Webster

Dr. Webster introduced herself and mentioned that she was born and raised in Arizona and loves spending time with family, volunteering, and attending music festivals and performing arts events.

Dr. Webster noted her education from Arizona State University, her experience in behavioral health services, and her experience managing social services programs in nonprofit and higher education settings.

Agenda Item 8 – Community Health and Human Services Department Update – Dr. Jacqueline Webster

Dr. Webster informed the Commission Members that Interim Deputy City Manager, Greg Ruiz, has accepted a permanent position as Deputy City Manager and will remain in the role long-term.

Dr. Webster advised that the Community Health and Human Services Department has filled all positions at the executive leadership level and their executive team is fully staffed for the first time since the restructuring of the department.

Dr. Webster mentioned that the Community Health and Human Services department is recruiting candidates for the position of Community Supervision and Community Counseling Manager and for the position of Community Health Manager.

Dr. Webster informed that the Community Health Manager position will be funded by the city's opioid settlement and will establish community health workers to assist people who frequently interact with Tempe fire and rescue medics on case management.

Dr. Webster advised that the City of Tempe is implementing strict enforcement of its urban camping ordinance as a result of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Grants Pass* decision and the passage of Proposition 312 in Arizona. Dr. Webster stated that the Community Health and Human Services Department will continue to lead with compassion and offering of resources and assistance as needed.

Dr. Webster advised that the city will lose approximately fourteen million in revenue this year and approximately twenty million in revenue next year due to legislative changes for residential rental tax.

Dr. Webster gave kudos to CARE7 for their holiday event at the Tempe Family Advocacy Center, which provided gifts to twenty children at the event.

Agenda Item 9 – Family Justice Commission Board Member Celebration of Service

Commissioner Dode stated that she was most proud of establishing the Tempe Family Advocacy Center during her tenure on the Commission. Commissioner Dode stated she will miss everyone on the third Tuesday of every month and she will go on to volunteer to help the unsheltered population in the community.

Commissioner LeSueur stated that she was honored to serve as a Commission Member, where she was thankful to have learned a lot about the city's services and thoughtful programs.

Chair Oliver stated that her time on the Tempe Family Justice Commission has been especially meaningful to herself as a survivor of domestic violence.

Chair Oliver reminded the Commission Members that survivors are everywhere.

Agenda Item 10 – Family Justice Commission Chair and Vice Chair Election

Commissioner Stephen Baines was elected by acclamation to serve as the next Chair of the Tempe Family Justice Commission beginning in 2025.

Vice Chair Jill Etienne was re-elected by acclamation to continue to serve as Vice Chair of the Tempe Family Justice Commission in 2025.

Agenda Item 11 – Strategic Plan Work Group Discussions – Chair Oliver

The Commission Members reviewed and discussed the Commission’s strategic plan action items.

Chair Oliver noted that the Tempe Envision Center can serve as a location to hold trainings sponsored by the Family Justice Commission.

Vice Chair Etienne recommended that the Commission focus on what the city can do to highlight the social determinants of health each month throughout the year.

Commissioner Riggs suggested that the Commission focus more on hearing from community members about areas of concern to the Family Justice Commission.

Commissioner Baines advised that it is effective to ask youth what they need and want in their community.

Commissioner Stinchfield and Commissioner Davis offered to establish details for what a resource and communications toolkit would like.

Agenda Item 12 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update

Commissioner Stinchfield mentioned that community members do see the posters and occasionally comment on them.

Commissioner Baines suggested that the posters get printed with a bigger QR code and that a poster without tabs get printed as well.

Agenda Item 13 – Commission Member Updates

Chair Oliver suggested that ASU faculty members currently on the commission assist with recruiting for the upcoming ASU faculty member vacancies on the Family Justice Commission for 2025.

Commissioner Sweig gave an update on crimes of interest to the Family Justice Commission and noted an increase in incidence of domestic violence assault as well as crimes against children. Commissioner Sweig advised that aggravated domestic violence and sexual assault incidence is down. Commissioner Sweig noted that the statistics on molestation of a child and child neglect remain low.

Agenda Item 14 –Future Agenda Items

- Intimate Partner Violence Justice System Education – City Prosecutor Invitation
- Arizona State University Bystander Training - Nicole Gonzalez
- Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention – Commission Member Baines
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandum – Commission Member Baines
- Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission - Social Justice Subcommittee Initiative to Remove Financial Barriers from Community Supervision programs - Hazel
- Public Meeting Law Overview Video – Nicole Galvan
- Commission Member Introduction – Dr. Carty
- Discuss Family Justice Commission Online Resources – Communication and Marketing Office

Agenda Item 15 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Costa motioned to ADJOURN the Meeting.

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

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commissioners Sweig, Costa, Riggs, LeSueur, Baines, Dode, Davis, Stinchfield, and Burns.

ABSENT: No Commission Members were absent.

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

The next meeting will be on January 21, 2025.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Dr. Jacqueline Webster

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission