



# Minutes

## Tempe Family Justice Commission

### Strategic Planning Retreat

### September 26, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Monday, September 26, 9:00 AM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Conference Room

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Ilene Dode, Vice Chair  
Patricia Riggs  
Jeanette Costa  
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley  
Jill Oliver  
Mark Perkovich  
Bjorg LeSueur  
Jill Etienne  
Chris Malast-proxy for Commissioner Josie Montenegro  
Julia Martin-proxy for Commissioner Anastasia Stinchfield

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Josie Montenegro  
Mary O'Grady, Chair  
Anastasia Stinchfield

**City Staff Present:**

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

**Public Appearances**

There were no individuals present for public appearance.

**Guest Appearances**

There were no guest appearances.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Vice Chair Dode called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

Chair O'Grady was unable to attend the meeting.  
Commissioner Montenegro was unable to attend the meeting but sent proxy, Chris Malast, to serve in her absence.  
Commissioner Stinchfield was unable to attend the meeting but sent proxy, Julia Martin, to serve in her absence.

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**

There were no public comments.

**Agenda Item 4 – Strategic Planning**

Commission members established the following goals and priorities for the Commission for the upcoming year:

- Place emphasis on vulnerable populations.
  - Identify and communicate elder abuse services.
- Host an annual training involving multiple disciplines.

- Provide community education and training to understand the domestic violence dynamic and ways to be helpful to victims.
- Increase knowledge by promoting trainings on trauma, victimization, and healing.
- Advance messaging and communication with Tempe City Council.
  - Have more contact with Tempe City Council
  - Communicate more lived stories and issues to Tempe City Council
  - Teach the Tempe City Council what the Family Justice Commission can do for them.
- Support the Family Advocacy Center by advocating for a robust intern/volunteer program to help strengthen the trauma healing initiative.
  - Increase Arizona State University and elementary school interaction with the Family Advocacy Center of Tempe.
- Encourage service providers to collect and report outcome data (qualitative, satisfaction, etc.) from clients.
  - Support the sharing of information regarding risk of violence and prosecution.
- Explore connecting points with other commissions, departments, and resources.
- Identify co-occurring resources.
  - Become a repository of resources for the Tempe City Council.

**Agenda Item 5 – Adjournment**

**MOTION: Commissioner Vice Chair Dode moved to ADJOURNMENT the meeting**

**SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner Tinsley; Motion passed unanimously**

**AYES: Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Commissioners Tinsley, Perkovich, Riggs, Costa, Oliver, Etienne, and LeSueur**

**ABSENT: Chair O’Grady and Commissioners Montenegro and Stinchfield.**

Vice Chair Dode declared the meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM.

The next meeting will be on October 18, 2022.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

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Mary O’Grady, Chair  
Tempe Family Justice Commission