

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting  
January 16, 2015**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Vice Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on January 16, 2015 at 1:38 p.m.

**Participants:**

**Members:**

- Honorable Evelyn Z. Wilson, Chair
- Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Vice Chair
- Honorable Patrick D. McAnany
- Senator David B. Haley
- Representative Tom Sawyer, attended via teleconference
- Representative John J. Rubin
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- David W. Riggin, Kansas Prisoner Review Board
- Lee Davidson, Kansas Attorney General's Office, Designee
- Chris A. Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
- Tim Madden, Department of Corrections, Designee
- Kevin N. Berens, Thomas County Attorney
- J. Shawn Elliott, Attorney
- Elizabeth M. (Betsy) Gillespie, Director of Corrections, Johnson County
- Jennifer C. Roth, 3rd Judicial District Assistant Public Defender
- Edward (Eddie) J. Regan, Public Member
- Reverend Junius B. Dotson, Public Member

**Guests:**

Kathleen Graves, Deputy Secretary, Department of Corrections  
Dillon Davis, Hein Government Consulting  
Nick Wachinski, Executive Director, American Bail Coalition  
Stephen Owens, Owens Bonding, Inc.  
Natalie Scott, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Office of Revisor of Statutes

**Staff:**

Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director  
Kunlun Chang, Director of Research  
Trish Beck, Program Assistant  
Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst  
Jennifer Dalton, Accountant  
John Spurgeon, Budget Director

### **Approval of Minutes**

Vice Chairman Fowler referred to the Sentencing Commission minutes of December 18, 2014. Betsy Gillespie moved to approve the minutes. Chris Mechler seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

### **Presentations**

Scott Schultz, Executive Director introduced presenters: Stephen Owens, Owens Bonding, Inc. who presented *Bail Bondsman Their Role in the Criminal Justice System*, and Nick Wachinski who presented *Understanding Commercial Sureties: Risk Management in the Age of Technology*.

### **Review & Approval of KSC 2015 Proposed Draft Legislation**

Scott Schultz provided and reviewed KSC's 2015 proposed legislation: 15rs0262, 15rs0263, 15rs0264, 15rs0287, 15rs0305 and 15rs0310. After discussion, it was proposed to amend the following bills:

15rs0263 - Subsection (f) becomes a new section in the bill and in Section 3, remove "July 1, 2016 and" language.

15rs0310 - Subsection (c)(3)(C) to read, "is a drug severity level 5 felony if that person has two or more prior convictions under such subsection..."

Betsy Gillespie moved to approve the six proposed bills as amended. Judge Fowler seconded the motion. The motion carried and the bill proposals were approved to be submitted as 2015 legislation. Kevin Berens and Lee Davidson voted no.

### **Agency Report**

Scott Schultz, Executive Director, provided an update of agency activities.

### **Adjournment**

Representative Rubin moved the meeting be adjourned, Lee Davidson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25p.m.