

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Teleconference Meeting
March 20, 2015**

The Honorable Evelyn Z. Wilson, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission teleconference meeting to order on March 20, 2015 at 1:33 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
- Representative John J. Rubin
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- David W. Riggin, Kansas Prisoner Review Board
- Steve Karrer, Kansas Attorney General's Office, Designee
- Chris A. Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
- Secretary Ray Roberts, Department of Corrections
- 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:

Susanna Honaker, Little Government Relations, LLC
Kathleen Graves, Deputy Secretary, Department of Corrections

Staff:

Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
Brenda Harmon, Special Assistant to the Executive Director
Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst
Ebo Browne, Research Analyst

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Chair Wilson requested a motion to approve the proposed agenda as written. Chris Mechler moved to approve the agenda and Secretary Ray Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried and agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Wilson referred to the Sentencing Commission meeting minutes of January 16, 2015. Betsy Gillespie moved to approve the minutes and Chris Mechler seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

KSC 2015 Legislative Update

Scott Schultz, Executive Director, presented a thorough assessment of KSC's ongoing 2015 legislative responsibilities. Additionally, Mr. Schultz referred to and discussed Secretary Robert's monthly letter reflecting the current prison capacity as well as KSC's monthly prison population monitoring report.

Mr. Schultz reviewed *KSC's Legislative Bill Tracking*, providing the status on each proposed legislative bill requiring KSC to complete a prison bed space assessment. In addition to this, Mr. Schultz referred to and discussed KSC's *2015 Legislative Prison Bed Space Assessment Summary*.

Mr. Schultz reported more information regarding legislative process and updated the Commission on the status of all KSC proposed legislation.

Agency Report

Scott Schultz, Executive Director, provided a summary of the agency's activities since the last meeting and advised the members on the agency's upcoming activities.

Next Meeting

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on April 24, 2015 at the Jayhawk Tower, Senate Room.

Meeting adjourned 2:16 p.m.