

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting  
April 15, 2016**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Vice Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on April 15, 2016 at 1:32 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
- Representative Janice Pauls
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- Jeannie Wark, Kansas Prisoner Review Board Designee
- Amy J. Hanley, Kansas Attorney General's Office
- Chris A. Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
- Terri Williams, Secretary of Corrections Designee
- Kevin N. Berens, Thomas County Attorney
- Stacey L. Donovan, Third Judicial District Public Defender's Office
- Meredith Butler, Eighth Judicial District Community Corrections
- Nathan Barnes, Public Member
- Terry J. Malone, Attorney

**Guests**

Marie McNeal, Department of Corrections  
Mitchel DePriest, Hein Governmental Consulting, LLC

**Staff**

- Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
- Brenda Harmon, Special Assistant to the Executive Director
- Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
- Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst
- Charlene Peacock, Utilization Review/SB 123 Program Director
- Ebo Browne, Research Analyst
- Jesse Becker, Finance Director
- Trish Beck, Program Assistant
- Erica Waggoner, Administrative Assistant

### **Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Vice Chair Fowler asked for a motion to approve the proposed agenda as written. Honorable Patrick McAnany moved to approve the agenda and Amy Hanley seconded the motion. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Vice Chair Fowler referred to the Sentencing Commission Meeting minutes of January 22, 2016. Honorable Patrick McAnany moved to approve the minutes as written. Chris Mechler seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

### **Welcome New KSC Members**

Vice Chair Fowler introduced and welcomed new Sentencing Commission members Meredith Butler, who is replacing Betsy Gillespie and Terry Malone, who is replacing Shawn Elliot.

### **2016 Legislative Update**

Executive Director Scott Schultz, provided a legislative update on relevant sentencing bills. The following bills were discussed: HB 2049, HB 2460, HB 2462, HB 2463, HB 2464, HB 2447, SB 367, and SB 392.

Staff is currently tracking 65 bills that are significant to its duties to create legislative bed space impacts.

### **KSC Subcommittee Solicitation**

Executive Director Scott Schultz proposed that a legislative committee be formed for the purpose of coordinating proposed legislative initiatives at future Commission workshops. Representative John Rubin moved to approve adding a Legislation Subcommittee. Nathan Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried and the new Legislation Subcommittee was approved.

Mr. Schultz discussed the need for replacements on the subcommittees and asked for volunteers. Meredith Butler volunteered to take Betsy Gillespie's position on the LSI-R, HB 2170, and SB 123 Subcommittees. Representative John Rubin volunteered to join the Legislative and HB 2170 Subcommittees. Stacey Donovan volunteered to join the JE Forms and Legislative Subcommittees. Representative Janice Pauls volunteered to join the Legislative and HB 2170 Subcommittees. Chair Wilson will coordinate a new committee list and distribute it by the next meeting.

Chris Mechler moved to disband the LSI-R Subcommittee until further needed. Representative Tom Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried and the LSI-R Subcommittee is disbanded.

Upon suggestion from Mr. Schultz, consensus was reached to rename each of the subcommittees as committees to more accurately reflect their hierarchy in the organization.

### **2013 HB 2170 Update**

Research Analyst Ebo Browne presented data on current HB 2170 projects, which include the HB 2170 Continuing Legal Education Webinar and HB 2170 Handbook. Commission members discussed opportunities for future research pertaining to HB 2170.

**Topic Recommendations for the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight Meeting**

Executive Director Scott Schultz advised the Commission has been asked to provide potential topics for the Committee to consider at its meeting on April 27, 2016. Representative John Rubin described the function and charge of the JCCJJO and recommended to delay any action until the KSC workshop in September to identify those topics. No further action was taken.

**Agency Report**

Executive Director Scott Schultz provided a summary of the agency's activities since the last meeting and reviewed KDOC prison population reports.

Mr. Schultz informed the members that Governor Sam Brownback appointed Secretary Joseph Norwood as the Secretary of Corrections and he will begin work on May 30, 2016. Mr. Schultz also informed the members that the 2015 Annual Report created by Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst, is now posted on the agency website.

Mr. Schultz stated that Karen Wittman has been hired for the part-time attorney position and she will begin May 23, 2016.

**Next Meeting**

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on May 19, 2016 at the Jayhawk Tower, Senate Room.

Meeting adjourned 3:06 p.m.