

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting  
August 25, 2016**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Vice Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) meeting to order on August 25, 2016 at 1:35 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 Janice Pauls
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- Jonathan Ogletree, Kansas Prisoner Review Board
- Jessica G. Domme, Kansas Attorney General's Office
- Chris A. Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
- Secretary Joe Norwood, Department of Corrections
- 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:**

Mitchel DePriest, Hein Governmental Consulting, LLC  
Susanna Honaker, Little Government Relations, LLC  
Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and Kansas Sheriffs' Association  
Tim Madden, Senior Counsel, Department of Corrections  
Mark Keating, Kansas Prisoner Review Board  
Jeannie Wark, Kansas Prisoner Review Board

**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 Becker, Utilization Review/SB 123 Program Director
- George "Ebo" Browne, Research Analyst
- Jesse Becker, Finance Director
- Trish Beck, Program Assistant
- Erica Waggoner, Administrative Assistant
- Karen Wittman, Attorney

### **Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Vice Chair Fowler requested a motion to approve the proposed agenda as written. Honorable Patrick McAnany moved to approve the agenda and Representative Janice Pauls seconded the motion. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Vice Chair Fowler referred to the June 23, 2016 Sentencing Commission Meeting minutes. Honorable Patrick McAnany moved to approve the minutes as written. Stacey Donovan seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

### **FY 2017 Prison Population Projections**

Executive Director, Scott Schultz, provided and requested approval of the FY 2017 Prison Population Projections as recommended by the FY 2017 Prison Population Projection Consensus Group. Kevin Berens moved to approve the projections as presented. Representative Janice Pauls seconded the motion. The motion carried and the projections were approved.

### **Legislative Committee Update**

Committee Chair Honorable Lee Fowler provided a legislative update on the August 25, 2016 meeting of the Legislative Committee. Chair Fowler asked commission members to suggest topics of discussion for the workshop related to legislative proposals.

### **SB 123 Committee Update**

Committee Chair Chris Mechler provided a SB 123 subcommittee update on the bi-weekly meetings stating the subcommittee is still drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for replacement of the current Treatment Provider Payment System (TPPS).

### **NASC Conference Report**

Kevin Berens reported that Vice Chair Fowler, Scott Schultz, and he attended the 2016 National Association of Sentencing Commissions Conference (NASC) in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 7-9. The conference focused on “Examining the Interactions between Policy and Sentencing.”

### **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 discussed the new legislative summary for the 2016 Desk Reference Manual and presented a handout explaining each relevant bill that was relevant to the Commission’s work.

Mr. Schultz stated that the agency has recently implemented a new staff leave rearranged time policy and a tuition reimbursement program.

## **Employee Awards and Recognition Program**

The Selection Committee of Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Fowler and Kevin Berens met on August 4, 2016, to consider nominations and determine quarterly award candidates. On behalf of the agency, Mr. Schultz presented the awards and recognitions as follows:

- Meritorious Service: Brenda Harmon, Special Assistant to the Executive Director;
- Length of Service: Brenda Harmon, Special Assistant to the Executive Director;
- Meritorious Service: Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst;
- Length of Service: Kunlun Chang, Director of Research;
- Employee of the Quarter: Kunlun Chang, Director of Research.

Mr. Chang was also recognized by the Governor with other state Employees of the Quarter in a ceremony at the statehouse on August 22, 2016.

## **Next Meeting**

The Sentencing Commission Workshop will be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 27, 2016 and September 28, 2016 at the Topeka Downtown Ramada Convention Center, in the Grand Ballroom.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.