

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting  
July 25, 2019**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) meeting to order on July 25 at 1:35 p.m.

**Participants:**

**Members:**

- Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair
- Honorable Benjamin J. Sexton, Vice Chair
- Honorable Stephen D. Hill, Kansas Court of Appeals
- Senator David B. Haley
- Representative Dennis “Boog” Highberger
- Representative John Barker
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- Jonathan Ogletree, Kansas Prisoner Review Board
- Jessica Domme, Kansas Attorney General’s Office
- Chris A. Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
- Jefferey Zmuda, Secretary of Corrections
- Dan Dunbar, Shawnee County Chief Deputy District Attorney
- Stacey L. Donovan, Third Judicial District Public Defender’s Office
- Christopher Mann, Private Attorney
- James Echols, Public Member
- Ronald Pauls, Public Member
- Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

**Guests:**

Hope Cooper, Kansas Department of Corrections  
Mallory Lutz, Little Government Relations, LLC  
Amy Raymond, Office of Judicial Administration

**Staff:**

- Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
- Brenda Harmon, Special Assistant to the Executive Director
- Kunlun Chang, Director of Research

- George “Ebo” Browne, Senior Research Analyst
- John Grube, Research Analyst
- Kira Johnson, SB 123 Program Director
- Trish Beck, Program Assistant
- Jamie Mai, Administrative Assistant
- Christopher Lyon, Staff Attorney

### **Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Chair Fowler asked if there were any objections or additions to the agenda. Ronald Pauls moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jonathan Ogletree seconded the motion. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

### **Welcome New KSSC Member**

Executive Director Schultz introduced and welcomed Department of Corrections Secretary Jefferey Zmuda as a new member to the Sentencing Commission.

### **Approval of June 20, 2019 KSSC Meeting Minutes**

Chair Fowler referred to the June 20, 2019 KSSC minutes. Vice Chair Benjamin Sexton moved to approve the minutes and Jessica Domme seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

### **Executive Session**

At 1:37 p.m., Chair Fowler requested to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

At 1:56 p.m., the Commission returned to open session and the meeting resumed. Vice Chair Benjamin Sexton moved to increase the Executive Director’s salary by 5%. Representative John Barker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Kansas Statistical Analysis Center Director Introduction**

Executive Director Schultz announced, George “Ebo” Browne, Senior Research Analyst, has been appointed to serve as the Statistical Analysis Center Director for Kansas.

### **SB 123 Drug Treatment Study**

George “Ebo” Browne, Senior Research Analyst, presented results of a comparison study conducted on SB 123 drug treatment in urban and rural areas.

### **SB 123 Drug Treatment Update**

Kira Johnson, SB 123 Program Director, informed the Commission of the Program's latest progress. Ms. Johnson provided the SB 123 committee's recommendation to nominate, Brenda Salvati, Director of Treatment for Preferred Family Healthcare to serve as a member on the Criminal Justice Reform Commission. Chris Mechler moved to approve the nomination of Brenda Salvati and Stacey Donovan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Agency Report**

Executive Director Schultz provided an update on the agency's latest activities since the last meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Representative Dennis "Boog" Highberger moved to adjourn. Jonathan Ogletree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be August 29, in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower.