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# Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting August 24, 2023

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) Zoom Meeting to order on August 24, 2023, at 1:34 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 Stephen Owens Senator Carolyn McGinn Jonathan Ogletree, Kansas Prisoner Review Board Jessica Domme, Kansas Attorney General's Office Spence Koehn, Office of Judicial Administration Randy Bowman, Department of Corrections - Designee Mark Dupree, Wyandotte County District Attorney Jessica A. Glendening, Third Judicial District Public Defender's Office Pat Colloton, Public Member Jermaine Wilson, Public Member Dustin Curry, Private Attorney
Staff:	
	Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director Brenda Harmon, Administrative Services Manager John Grube, Director of Research Jason Lamprecht, Senior Research Analyst Kira Johnson, SB 123 Program Director Trish Beck, Program Auditor Gwyn Harvey, SB 123 Program Consultant Grazi Gifford, Administrative Specialist Francis Givens, Special Projects Manager Kim Sage, Finance Manager Chris Lyon, Staff Attorney

#### **Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Chair Fowler asked if there were objections or additions to the agenda. The agenda was approved with no modifications.

## **Introduction & Welcome New KSSC Member**

Chair Fowler introduced and welcomed Dustin Curry, the appointed private attorney representative, as the newest member of the Sentencing Commission.

#### Approval of June 22, 2023, KSSC Minutes

Chair Fowler referred to the June 22, 2023, KSSC Minutes. Jonathan Ogletree moved to approve the minutes. Jessica Glendening seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

## Review and Approval of FY 2024 Prison Population Projections

John Grube, Director of Research, presented the *FY 2024 Prison Population Projections* to the Commission. The Honorable Benjamin J. Sexton moved to approve the FY 2024 Projections. Jessica Domme seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **KSSC Legislative Committee Update**

Chair Fowler and Executive Director Scott Schultz reviewed the KSSC Legislative Committee's recommended proposals and discussed the 2023 KSSC Workshop agenda topics. Chair Fowler announced the 2023 KSSC Workshop will be held virtually and in-person on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

#### **Agency Report**

Executive Director Scott Schultz provided an update and summarized recent activities of the agency:

- August 2023 KDOC Prison Population Letter and KSSC's Monthly Prison Population Monitoring Report were reviewed and discussed.
- John Grube, Director of Research, will begin working with the Department of Corrections to complete the Custody Classification Projections.
- Executive Director Schultz and Kim Sage, Finance Manager, continue working on the 2024 FY budget due September 15, 2023.
- Executive Director Schultz reported on topics presented at the 2023 NASC Conference.
- The Desk Reference Manual will be completed in September.

#### Adjournment

Representative Dennis "Boog" Highberger moved to adjourn. The Honorable Benjamin J. Sexton seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be the KSSC Workshop on September 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., KDOC Third Floor Conference Room.