

Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Teleconference Meeting November 17, 2016

The Honorable Evelyn Z. Wilson, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) teleconference meeting to order on November 17, 2016 at 1:34 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
- Representative John Barker
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- Jonathan Ogletree, Kansas Prisoner Review Board Designee
- 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:

None

Staff:

- Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
- Brenda Harmon, Special Assistant to the Executive Director
- Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
- Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst
- George "Ebo" Browne, Research Analyst
- Jesse Becker, Finance Director
- Trish Beck, Program Assistant
- Erica Waggoner, Administrative Assistant
- Karen Wittman, Attorney

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Chair Wilson asked for a motion to approve the proposed agenda as written. Chair Wilson moved to approve the agenda and Judge McAnany seconded the motion. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Wilson referred to the Sentencing Commission Meeting minutes of October 20, 2016. Chris Mechler moved to approve the amended minutes to add the effective date language from “July 1, 2006” to “the effective date of this act” on proposal 16rs4427. Terry Malone seconded the motion and the amended minutes were approved.

Review and Approval of 2017 KSSC Meeting Dates

Stacey Donovan moved to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2017. Vice Chair Fowler seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approval of 2017 Legislative Proposal to Increase Felony Loss Thresholds

Representative John Barker moved to approve the proposal for both legislation and the letter to the Governor. Stacey Donovan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approval of Letter to the Governor

Chair Wilson provided a proposed letter to Governor Brownback pursuant to K.S.A. 74-9101, which provides that the Kansas Sentencing Commission analyze policy options that would reduce prison beds.

Vice Chair Fowler moved to approve the proposed letter to the Governor. Jessica Domme seconded the motion and the letter to the Governor was approved.

Agency Report

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

Next Meeting

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on December 15, 2016 at the Jayhawk Tower, Senate Room.

Meeting adjourned 2:03 p.m.