Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting
January 16, 2015

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Vice Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on January 16, 2015 at 1:38 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, attended via teleconference
- Representative John J. Rubin
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- David W. Riggin, Kansas Prisoner Review Board
- Lee Davidson, Kansas Attorney General’s Office, Designee
- Chris A. Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
- Tim Madden, Department of Corrections, Designee
- Kevin N. Berens, Thomas County Attorney
- J. Shawn Elliott, Attorney
- Elizabeth M. (Betsy) Gillespie, Director of Corrections, Johnson County
- Jennifer C. Roth, 3rd Judicial District Assistant Public Defender
- Edward (Eddie) J. Regan, Public Member
- Reverend Junius B. Dotson, Public Member

Guests:

- Kathleen Graves, Deputy Secretary, Department of Corrections
- Dillon Davis, Hein Government Consulting
- Nick Wachinski, Executive Director, American Bail Coalition
- Stephen Owens, Owens Bonding, Inc.
- Natalie Scott, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Staff:

- Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
- Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
- Trish Beck, Program Assistant
- Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst
- Jennifer Dalton, Accountant
- John Spurgeon, Budget Director
Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Fowler referred to the Sentencing Commission minutes of December 18, 2014. Betsy Gillespie moved to approve the minutes. Chris Mechler seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Presentations

Scott Schultz, Executive Director introduced presenters: Stephen Owens, Owens Bonding, Inc. who presented Bail Bondsman Their Role in the Criminal Justice System, and Nick Wachiniski who presented Understanding Commercial Sureties: Risk Management in the Age of Technology.

Review & Approval of KSC 2015 Proposed Draft Legislation

Scott Schultz provided and reviewed KSC’s 2015 proposed legislation: 15rs0262, 15rs0263, 15rs0264, 15rs0287, 15rs0305 and 15rs0310. After discussion, it was proposed to amend the following bills:

15rs0263 - Subsection (f) becomes a new section in the bill and in Section 3, remove “July 1, 2016 and” language.
15rs0310 - Subsection (c)(3)(C) to read, “is a drug severity level 5 felony if that person has two or more prior convictions under such subsection…”

Betsy Gillespie moved to approve the six proposed bills as amended. Judge Fowler seconded the motion. The motion carried and the bill proposals were approved to be submitted as 2015 legislation. Kevin Berens and Lee Davidson voted no.

Agency Report

Scott Schultz, Executive Director, provided an update of agency activities.

Adjournment

Representative Rubin moved the meeting be adjourned, Lee Davidson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25p.m.