

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting
August 29, 2019**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) meeting to order on August 29 at 1:33 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
- Mark Keating, Kansas Prisoner Review Board Designee
- 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
- Ronald Pauls, Public Member
- Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

Guests:

Hope Cooper, Kansas Department of Corrections
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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
- Francis Givens, Special Projects Director
- Melissa Zoesch, Accounting Assistant

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Chair Fowler asked if there were any objections or additions to the agenda. There were no objections and the agenda was approved.

Approval of July 25, 2019 KSSC Meeting Minutes

Chair Fowler referred to the July 25, 2019 KSSC minutes. The Honorable Stephen Hill moved to approve the minutes and Chris Mechler seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Review and Approval of FY 2020 Adult Prison Population Projections

George “Ebo” Browne, Senior Research Analyst, and John Grube, Research Analyst, presented the FY 2020 Adult Prison Population Projections to the Commission. Jessica Domme moved to approve the projections. Vice Chair Sexton seconded the motion. The motion carried and the projections were approved.

Employee Award & Recognition Presentation

The KSSC Award Selection Committee made up of Chair Fowler, Vice Chair Sexton, and Stacey Donovan met to consider nominations and determine quarterly awards. Executive Director Schultz recognized and presented following awards.

- Distinguished Accomplishment award to the Research Team, comprised of Kunlun Chang, Director of Research; George “Ebo” Browne, Senior Research Analyst; John Grube, Research Analyst; Chris Chavez, Research Analyst; Rachel Cole, Research Data Entry Operator and Carrie Krusor, Research Data Entry Operator;
- Meritorious Service award to Chris Chavez, Research Analyst;
- Length of Service award to Kunlun Chang, Director of Research; and
- Employee of the Quarter award to Brenda Harmon, Special Assistant to the Executive Director.

2019 National Association of Sentencing Commissions Conference

Chair Fowler, Stacey Donovan, and Shelly Williams discussed topics of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions Conference that was recently held in Alexandria, Virginia.

Agency Report

Executive Director Schultz provided an update on the agency's latest activities since the last meeting and announced the resignation of James Echols from the KSSC. Executive Director Schultz also reported Francis Givens was recently hired and is serving as KSSC's Special Projects Director.

Adjournment

Stacey Donovan moved to adjourn. Chris Mechler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: The 2019 Sentencing Commission Workshop will be held Wednesday, September 18 and Thursday, September 19 at the Topeka Downtown Ramada Convention Center, in the Grand Ballroom.