

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting
June 20, 2019**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) meeting to order on June 20 at 1:32 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
- Joseph Phillips, Kansas Prisoner Review Board Designee
- Jessica Domme, Kansas Attorney General’s Office
- Chris A. Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
- Charles Simmons, 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
Ed Klumpp, The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriff’s Association and
Kansas Peace Officers Association
Michelle Sullivan, Kansas Department of Corrections
Letitia Harmon, American Civil Liberties Union Kansas

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
- 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.

Welcome New KSSC Members

Executive Director Schultz introduced and welcomed Representative Dennis “Boog” Highberger and Department of Corrections Acting Secretary Charles Simmons as new members to the Sentencing Commission.

Welcome New KSSC Staff Members

Executive Director Schultz introduced new Sentencing Commission staff members, Christopher Lyon, Staff Attorney, and Melissa Zoesch, Accounting Assistant.

Approval of April 25, 2019 KSSC Meeting Minutes

Chair Fowler referred to the April 25, 2019 KSSC minutes. The Honorable Stephen Hill moved to approve the minutes and Jessica Domme seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Review and Approval of the 2019 Sentencing Forms

Stacey Donovan, KSSC (Sentencing) Forms Committee Chair, presented the Committee’s proposed amendments to the 2019 Presentence Investigation Report, Journal Entry of Judgment and the Journal Entry of Probation Violation Hearing forms.

The Honorable Stephen Hill moved to amend the Journal Entry of Judgment form to include a checkbox stating, “Submitted for Electronic Signature” in the judge signature block. Chris Mechler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee Chair Donovan moved to approve the discussed changes to the Journal Entry of Probation Violation Hearing form pending final review and approval by the KSSC Forms Committee. Jessica Domme seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jessica Domme moved to approve the Committee's recommended revisions to the Presentence Investigation Report. Chris Mechler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2019 Legislative Update

Executive Director Schultz provided an update and brief overview of 2019 legislation impacting the Sentencing Guidelines. Legislation discussed included House Bill 2290 and Senate Bill 18.

SB 123 Drug Treatment Update

Kira Johnson, SB 123 Program Director, reported the program's latest progress.

Agency Report

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

Adjournment

Representative Highberger moved to adjourn. Stacey Donovan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be Thursday, July 25, in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower.