

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting  
November 21, 2019**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) meeting to order on November 21, 2019 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
- CJ Perez, 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  
Natalie Scott, Revisor of Statutes

**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, Finance Director

### **Approval of Proposed Agenda**

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

### **Approval of October 24, 2019 KSSC Meeting Minutes**

Chair Fowler referred to the October 24, 2019, minutes. A request was made to revise the minutes on the matter of *2019 HB 2052 – Early Discharge from Probation* to reflect Chris Mechler voting “no.” Chris Mechler moved to approve the minutes as amended. Stacey Donovan seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as amended.

### **Review of Proposed Legislative Bill Drafts**

Executive Director Scott Schultz referred to and reviewed the Commission’s 2020 proposed legislation. Director Schultz discussed the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission’s proposed amendments to 2019 HB 2292. Jessica Domme moved to support the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission’s amendments to 2019 HB 2292. Vice Chair Sexton seconded the motion. Chris Mechler voted no. The motion carried.

### **Review and Discussion of Letter to Governor**

Executive Director Scott Schultz discussed KSSC’s draft letter to Governor Kelly providing prison population reduction options. Vice Chair Sexton moved to approve the letter. Chris Mechler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Review and Possible Approval of Proposed 2020 KSSC Meeting Dates**

Chair Fowler referred to the Proposed 2020 KSSC Meeting Dates. Representative Highberger moved to approve the proposed meeting dates. Jessica Domme seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **KSSC Feedback Study**

Francis Givens, Special Projects Manager, announced the proposal to provide training at the spring 2020 Regional Judicial Conference and discussed other current educational projects.

### **Agency Report**

Executive Director Schultz provided an update on the agency's latest activities since the last meeting and reported an agreement had been made with the Office of Judicial Administration to receive offender assessment data for the SB 123 Drug Treatment Program.

### **Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be Thursday, December 19, 2019 in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower.