

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Zoom Meeting  
July 23, 2020**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) Zoom meeting to order on July 23, 2020, 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
- Jonathan Ogletree, Kansas Prisoner Review Board
- Jessica Domme, Kansas Attorney General’s Office
- Spence Koehn, Office of Judicial Administration
- Randy Bowman, Secretary of Corrections Designee
- Mark Dupree, Wyandotte County District Attorney
- Jessica A. Glendening, Third Judicial District Public Defender’s Office
- Pat Colloton, Public Member
- Jermaine Wilson, Public Member
- Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

**Guests:**

Murl Riedel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Stuart Little, Little Government Relations  
Amy Raymond, Office of Judicial Administration  
Kim Parker, Kansas County and District Attorneys Association  
Rosalyn Green, Public Citizen

**Staff:**

- Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
- Brenda Harmon, Special Assistant to the Executive Director
- Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
- John Grube, Senior 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. There were none. The Honorable Stephen Hill moved to approve the agenda. Jonathan Ogletree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Approval of June 25, 2020, KSSC Meeting Minutes**

Chair Fowler referred to the June 25, 2020, minutes. Representative Dennis Highberger moved to approve the minutes. The Honorable Stephen Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **KSSC Assessment Selection Committee update and Proposed Recommendations**

Jessica Domme reviewed recommendations made by the Assessment Selection Committee as listed:

- Effective July 1, 2021, LS/CMI risk assessment tool to be utilized post-sentencing for all male offenders.
- Effective July 1, 2021, WRNA (full assessment) be utilized post-sentencing for all female offenders starting July 1, 2021, and
- 2020 KSSC Workshop - Discuss and consider adopting a presentence screening tool such as the LS-SV, for all offenders.

Vice Chair Sexton move to adopt the Assessment Selection Committee's recommendations. Pat Colloton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Consideration of KSSC Appointment to the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission**

Shelly Williams reported, due to the vacancy left by resignation of Brenda Salvati, the SB 123 Committee met to consider candidates for appointment to the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission. The Committee recommended Chad Harmon, Clinical Care Manager for the Substance Abuse Center of Kansas, Wichita, to serve as KSSC's appointee to the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission. Jessica Domme moved to accept the SB 123 Committee's recommendation. Jonathon Ogletree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **SB 123 Update**

Shelly Williams referred to KSSC's approved SB 123 treatment modality and cost cap revisions, effective July 1, 2020. Mrs. Williams informed the Commission a letter was sent to all SB 123 stakeholders explaining changes made to the SB 123 program.

### **Agency Report**

Executive Director Schultz provided an update on the agency's latest activities since the last meeting. Mr. Schultz informed the Commission that one staff member has been assigned to be in the office each work day. He also shared office policies currently in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Schultz also announced the John Grube, Senior Research Analyst, has been approved by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, to serve as the Kansas Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) Director.

### **Adjournment**

Jessica Domme moved to adjourn. Shelly Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be Thursday, August 27, 2020, in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower.