

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Zoom Meeting
May 22, 2020**

The Honorable Benjamin J. Sexton, Vice Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) Zoom meeting to order on May 22 at 1:36 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
- Jefferey Zmuda, Secretary of Corrections
- 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

Ed Klump, KS Association of Chiefs of Police, KS Sheriff’s Association, KS Peace Officers Association

Dawn Johnson, SMART Service Center Liaison

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

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

Welcome New KSSC Member

Vice Chair Sexton introduced and welcomed new KSSC member Spence Koehn from the Office of Judicial Administration to succeed Amy Raymond.

Approval of March 20, 2020, KSSC Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Sexton referred to the March 20, 2020, minutes. The Honorable Stephen Hill moved to approve the minutes. Pat Colloton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Recognition of Dawn Johnson, SMART Service Center Liaison

Executive Director Scott Schultz recognized Dawn Johnson, SMART Service Center Liaison, as a Most Valuable Partner with the Kansas Sentencing Commission. Ms. Johnson works directly with Melissa Zoesch, KSSC Finance Director, and provides invaluable accounting guidance to our agency for day-to-day operations and budget planning. Ms. Johnson was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Executive Director Schultz on behalf of the Commission.

KSSC FY 2019 Annual Report

George “Ebo” Browne, Senior Research Analyst, provided a presentation on the Kansas Sentencing Commission FY 2019 Annual Report. An electronic copy of the report may found at <https://sentencing.ks.gov/newsitemdetail/2020/04/27/fy-2019-annual-report>.

Special Projects Director Update

Francis Givens, Special Projects Director, gave an update on the current educational projects the Kansas Sentencing Commission is providing to stakeholders.

Legislative Update

Executive Director Schultz reported the status of the 2020 legislative session. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic beginning in March, legislative activities were curtailed in this session. As a result, none of the KSSC bills passed to the Governor.

Agency Report

Executive Director Schultz provided an update on the agency's latest activities since the last meeting. Executive Director Schultz announced that George "Ebo" Browne, Senior Research Analyst, would be leaving the Kansas Sentencing Commission and presented him with an award for over six years of service with the agency. Mr. Browne has taken a position with the Bureau of Justice Statistics with the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

As a result of the vacancy, Executive Director Schultz announced John Grube, Research Analyst, would be promoted to Senior Research Analyst.

SB 123 Update

Kira Johnson, SB 123 Program Director, updated the Commission on the program's progress since the last meeting.

Adjournment

Jessica Domme moved to adjourn. Senator David Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be Thursday, June 25, 2020, in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower.