



# AGENDA

## 2020 Kansas Sentencing Commission Workshop

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

September 16, 2020

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**9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping**

Hon. W. Lee Fowler, Chair

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**9:05 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Welcome**

Governor Laura Kelly, State of Kansas

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**9:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Approval of Agenda & the August 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Hon. W. Lee Fowler, Chair

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**9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Policy Reforms Can Strengthen Community Supervision**

Erin Harbinson, Ph.D., Research Scholar, Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, University of Minnesota Law School

Kelly Mitchell, Esq., Executive Director, Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, University of Minnesota Law School

Connie Utada, Esq., Manager, Public Safety Performance Project, The Pew Charitable Trusts

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**11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Morning Break**

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**11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. SB 123: Program Growth and Pandemic Response**

Kira Johnson, LMLP, SB 123 Program Director, Kansas Sentencing Commission

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**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch – On your own**

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**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Evaluation**

Patrick Armstrong, Esq., Project Manager, The Council for State Governments Justice Center

Carl Reynolds, Esq., Senior Legal & Policy Advisor, The Council for State Governments Justice Center

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**2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.            Afternoon Break**

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**2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.            Review & Discussion of Proposed Legislation**

KSSC Commission Members

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**5:00 p.m.                            Adjourn**

Hon. W. Lee Fowler, Chair

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| <b>9:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.</b>  | <b>KDOC: Alternatives to Incarceration</b><br><br>Hope Cooper, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections   |
| <b>10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Morning Break</b>  |
| <b>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Gender Responsiveness – In Search of a Prescreening Sentencing Tool for Kansas</b><br><br>Ashley Bauman, MS, MBA, BCC, Bauman Consulting Group, LLC<br>Breanna Boppre, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate Coordinator, School of Criminal Justice, Wichita State University<br>Alex Holsinger, Ph.D., Professor of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Undergraduate Advisor, University of Missouri-Kansas City |
| <b>12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.</b>  | <b>Lunch – On your own</b>  |
| <b>1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</b>   | <b>Review &amp; Discussion of Proposed Legislation</b><br><br>KSSC Legislative Committee  |
| <b>2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>   | <b>Afternoon Break</b>  |
| <b>2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>   | <b>Policy Options Determination Wrap-up</b><br><br>KSSC Commission Members  |
| <b>5:00 p.m.</b>               | <b>Adjourn</b><br><br>Hon. W. Lee Fowler, Chair   |

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**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 22, 2020**

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