

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting
March 22, 2024**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) Zoom Meeting to order on March 22, 2024, at 1:30 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 Stephen Owens
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- Jonathan Ogletree, Kansas Prisoner Review Board
- Jessica Domme, Kansas Attorney General's Office
- Spence Koehn, Office of Judicial Administration
- Megan Milner, Department 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
- Dustin Curry, Private Attorney
- Pam D. Weigand, Douglas County Criminal Justice Services Director

Guests:

Jeff Wagaman, Kearney & Associates
Jennifer King, Department of Corrections

Staff:

- Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
- John Grube, Director of Research
- Jason Lamprecht, Senior Research Analyst
- Grazi Gifford, Administrative Specialist
- Trish Beck, Program Auditor
- Gwyn Harvey, SB 123 Program Consultant
- Kim Sage, Finance Manager
- Francis Givens, Special Projects Manager
- Chris Lyon, Staff Attorney

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Chair Fowler asked if there were objections or additions to the agenda. The agenda was approved with no modifications.

Approval of December 14, 2023, KSSC Minutes

Chair Fowler referred to the December 14, 2023, KSSC Minutes. Honorable Stephen Hill moved to approve the minutes. Mark Dupree seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

Electronic Journal Entry Project Update

John Grube, Director of Research, reported the progress of the Electronic Journal Entry Project. As part of its development, a series of pilot studies are being conducted with PSI writers, and in a few weeks, attorneys are scheduled to participate in training.

Annual Report Dashboard Demonstration

Mr. Grube, Director of Research, reported that KSSC has worked with vendor, Domo, Inc., to create an online dashboard allowing access to KSSC's data included in the *KSSC Annual Report*. Mr. Grube demonstrated the dashboard, highlighted the project's ongoing efforts to enhance its operations to ensure the delivery of quality outcomes, and explained the many benefits of the user-friendly online platform. The new dashboard will replace the KSSC Annual Report, published in PDF format.

2024 Legislative Update

Executive Director Scott Schultz reviewed KSSC's role in the legislative process. He described the daily work five KSSC staff members completed to review, track, and monitor legislation to provide accurate prison bed space assessments. This allows policymakers to examine individual bills, understand the potential impact on the prison system, and ultimately decide to pass or reject the legislation. Mr. Schultz also provided an example of a prison bed space assessment.

Executive Director Scott Schultz provided the status of the KSSC's legislation and reviewed criminal bills of interest. Mr. Schultz stated that KSSC is currently monitoring 103 criminal bills.

Agency Report

Executive Director Scott Schultz provided an update and summarized recent activities of the Agency:

- The March 2024 KDOC Prison Population Letter and KSSC's Monthly Prison Population Monitoring Report were reviewed and discussed.
- The SB 123 Program receives payments directly from offenders and Community Corrections offices for associated court fees. Due to complications and to improve program functioning, beginning June 1, 2024, the Kansas Sentencing Commission's SB 123 Program will no longer accept these payments. A letter of notification was sent to stakeholders on March 18, 2024.
- The KSSC has various committees, each supported by commission members. Executive Director Scott Schultz described committees and outlined their respective roles and responsibilities.
- Francis Givens, Special Projects Manager, continues to work on educational outreach training. Additionally, she collaborates with John Grube, Director of Research, and Jason Lamprecht, Senior Research Analyst, on electronic journal entry training for the pilot groups.
- The Journal Entry Forms Committee will meet in May to review changes to the forms.
- The Desk Reference Manual assembly is planned to begin in June 2024.
- The Consensus meetings for Prison Population Projections and budget planning meetings will occur in July 2024.

Adjournment

Senator David Haley moved to adjourn. Representative Dennis "Boog" Highberger seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be on April 18, 2024.