

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting
May 23, 2024**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting to order on May 23, 2024, 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 Stephen Owens
- Senator Carolyn McGinn
- Jonathan Ogletree, Kansas Prisoner Review Board
- Jessica Domme, Kansas Attorney General's Office
- Spence Koehn, Office of Judicial Administration
- Jennifer King, 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:

Christie Koehn, Chief Court Services Officer, 6th Judicial District
David Beveridge, CSO Court Services Officer, 30th Judicial District
Amy Finnerty, CSO Adult Supervision/PSI, 5th Judicial District
Julie Whitney, Chief Court Services Officer, 5th Judicial District
Tom Weishaar, Chief Court Services Officer, 1st Judicial District
Shelly Nelson, Court Services Officer, 1st Judicial District
Tresa Miller, Chief Court Services Officer, 11th Judicial District
Ashley Wiele, Court Services Officer, 11th Judicial District

Staff:

- Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
- Brenda Harmon, Administrative Services Manager
- John Grube, Director of Research
- Jason Lamprecht, Senior Research Analyst
- Grazi Gifford, Administrative Specialist
- Elliott Smith, SB 123 Program Director

- Trish Beck, Program Auditor
- 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.

Welcome New KSSC Staff Member

Executive Director Schultz introduced new Sentencing Commission staff member, Elliott Smith, SB123 Program Director.

Approval of March 22, 2024, KSSC Minutes

Chair Fowler referred to the March 22, 2024, KSSC Minutes. Honorable Stephen Hill moved to approve the minutes. Pat Colloton seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

Review and Approval of the 2024 Sentencing Forms

Vice-Chair Sexton, KSSC Sentencing Forms Committee Chair, presented the Committee's 2024 proposed changes to the Presentence Investigation Report (PSI), Journal Entry of Judgment, and Journal Entry of Probation Violation forms.

Vice-Chair Sexton moved to adopt the Committee's proposed 2024 Sentencing Forms. Pam Weigand seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jessica Domme referred to section five on page two of the Journal Entry of Judgment. Ms. Domme recommended modifying the PSI to include a postrelease checkbox for off-grid offenses, such as homicide, at a later date. No further action was taken.

Executive Session

At 1:48 p.m., Chair Fowler requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel compensation. Chair Fowler moved to enter an Executive Session for 15 minutes. Vice-Chair Sexton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 2:04 p.m., the Commission returned to the open session. Vice-Chair Sexton moved to approve a \$3,500 bonus for Executive Director Scott Schultz. Pat Colloton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2024 Legislative Update

Executive Director Scott Schultz presented the *2024 Legislative Update*.

Agency Report

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

- The May 2024 KDOC Prison Population Letter and KSSC's Monthly Prison Population Monitoring Report were reviewed and discussed.
- Recognition was given to KSSC legislators and KSSC staff for their 2024 legislative work.
- The KSSC Legislative Summary will be available on July 1, 2024.

- Francis Givens, Special Projects Manager, provided an update on educational outreach training. Additionally, she continues collaborating with John Grube, Director of Research, and Jason Lamprecht, Senior Research Analyst, on electronic journal entry training for the pilot groups.
- Dr. John Grube, Director of Research, and Dr. Kira Johnson, former SB 123 Director, were recognized for receiving doctorate degrees in May.
- Pat Colloton was recently appointed to serve as Chair of the KSSC SB 123 Committee.
- The Consensus meetings for Prison Population Projections planning will occur in July and August 2024.
- Executive Scott Schultz and Kim Sage, Finance Manager, will begin work to close out the FY 2024 budget and submit the FY 2025 budget due September 15.

Adjournment

Representative Dennis "Boog" Highberger moved to adjourn. Pam Weigand seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be on June 27, 2024.