

**Amended Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting
June 27, 2024**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting to order on June 27, 2024, at 1:34 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
Julie Marler, Chief Court Services Officer, 5th Judicial District
Tom Weishaar, Chief Court Services Officer, 1st Judicial District
Tresa Miller, Chief Court Services Officer, 11th Judicial District
Ashley Wiele, Court Services Officer, 11th Judicial District
Jeff Wagaman, Kearney & Associates
Christy Molzen, Kansas Judicial Council
Kristi Schrader, Assistant Director, 9th 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
- Gwyn Harvey, SB 123 Certification Specialist
- 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 May 23, 2024, KSSC Minutes

Chair Fowler referred to the May 23, 2024, KSSC Minutes. Honorable Stephen Hill moved to approve the minutes. Vice-Chair Sexton seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

Recognition of Service for Jonathan Ogletree

Executive Director Scott Schultz announced the retirement of Prisoner Review Board Chair Jonathan Ogletree. Recognition and thanks were provided to Mr. Ogletree for his exceptional dedication and valuable contributions during his eight-year tenure as a member of the Kansas Sentencing Commission.

Judicial Council Report on Personally Identifiable Information in the Kansas Criminal Justice System

Christy Molzen, Staff Attorney, Kansas Judicial Council, discussed a recent study on personal identifiable information (PII) in court records and referred to the *Report of the Judicial Council Criminal Law Advisory Committee on Crime Victim and Witness PII in Publicly Accessible Court Records*. Ms. Molzen reported the judicial council committee identified several instances where PII is publicly accessible, mainly in subpoenas, service returns, and other documents and have recommended the Supreme Court make changes to the eCourt rules. The Committee also noted that PII is included in the Journal Entry of Sentencing and recommended the Sentencing Commission review it.

SB 123 Program Update

Elliott Smith, SB 123 Program Director, presented *SB 123 Updates* and discussed the SB 123 Program's recent accomplishments and the work in progress, including the SB 123 Fall Conference.

Staff Attorney Update

Chris Lyon, KSSC Staff Attorney, provided an overview of his work duties and his role in completing the legislative summaries, Desk Reference Manual publications, sentencing flowcharts, journal entry forms, responses to stakeholders who have sentencing questions, and proposed legislation.

Agency Report

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

- Chief Justice Marla Luckert recently appointed Hon. Stacey Donovan to serve as a member of the KSSC and reappointed KSSC members Spence Koehn, Honorable Stephen D. Hill, and Honorable Benjamin J. Sexton.
- The Consensus meetings for the ten-year Prison Population Projections planning will occur in July and August 2024.
- The Electronic Journal Entry Project, now known as the Kansas Sentencing Application (KSApp) is set to soft launch on October 1, 2024. Final trainings of attorneys and judges by KSSC staff on the KSApp will continue.

- The June 2024 KDOC Prison Population Letter and KSSC's Monthly Prison Population Monitoring Report were reviewed and discussed.
- Dr. John Grube, Director of Research, will begin work on the Custody Classification for the Department of Corrections upon completing the Prison Population Projections.
- Review of KSSC's Cybersecurity Audit completed by the Legislative Post Audit and the Continuity of Operations Plan.
- KSSC will conduct employee mid-year reviews in July.
- Executive Director Schultz and Kim Sage, Finance Manager, will begin preparing the agency budget with a deadline of September 15, 2024.

Recognition of Service of Chair Fowler

Executive Director Scott Schultz recognized Chair Fowler for his unwavering commitment and outstanding service to the KSSC over the past ten years. He stated Chair Fowler's expertise and leadership significantly influenced the work of the KSSC and brought significant sentencing reform to Kansans. The Commission is grateful for his support and guidance.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Sexton moved to adjourn. Senator David Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be on July 25, 2024.