

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting  
January 20, 2023**

The Honorable W. Lee Fowler, Chair, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) Zoom Meeting to order on January 20, 2023, at 1:31 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
- Mark Keating, Kansas Prisoner Review Board Designee
- 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:**

Jeff Wagaman, Kearney and Associates  
Raylene Mattocks, Kansas Court Services  
Kendric Holder, Council of State Governments Justice Center

**Staff:**

- Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
- Brenda Harmon, Administrative Services Manager
- John Grube, Director of Research
- Jason Lamprecht, Research Analyst
- Kilye Hucks, Research Intern
- Kira Johnson, SB 123 Program Director
- Trish Beck, Program Auditor
- Gwyn Harvey, SB 123 Program Consultant
- Grazi Gifford, Administrative Specialist
- Francis Givens, Special Projects Manager
- Kim Sage, Finance Manager

☒ Carrie Krusor, Data Entry Specialist

### **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 15, 2022, KSSC Minutes**

Chair Fowler referred to the December 15, 2022, KSSC Minutes. The 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 Letter to Governor Laura Kelly**

Chair Fowler reviewed the draft letter to Governor Laura Kelly as required by K.S.A. 74-9101. KSSC's obligation is to provide a letter to Governor Laura Kelly with alternatives to opening or building additional prison beds. The options are data-driven and the most rational approach to public safety to maintain space requirements for the most serious offenders while seeking alternative methods to curb admissions.

Executive Director Scott Schultz reviewed KSSC's legislative proposals listed in the draft *Letter to Governor Laura Kelly* to accomplish its statutory charge.

The Honorable Stephen Hill moved to approve the draft *Letter to Governor Laura Kelly*. Vice Chair Sexton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Agency Report**

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

- KSSC staff is monitoring introduced legislation and currently tracking 25 bills.
- Executive Director Schultz appeared before the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee to present "*An Overview of KSSC.*"
- On January 17, Executive Director Schultz introduced KSSC's legislative proposals.
- The agency budget appeal has been sustained. Therefore, the governor's budget includes maintenance fees paid to vendors, Beacon Health Options for the RAFT Program and Domo, Inc for the eJE project. In early February, testimony will be provided to the budget committees regarding the KSSC budget.
- Executive Director Scott Schultz continues working with the Kansas Judicial Council to support the Offender Registration legislation.
- John Grube, Director of Research, acknowledged the contributions of Carrie Krusor, Data Entry Specialist, for 20 years of service with the Commission.
- January 2023 KDOC Prison Population Letter and KSSC's Monthly Prison Population Monitoring Report were provided for the members.
- Francis Givens, Special Projects Manager, and Kira Johnson, SB 123 Program Director, are working with CSG Deputy Program Director Jennifer Kisela to provide upcoming webinar training for the RAFT Program.

### **Adjournment**

Representative Dennis Highberger moved to adjourn. Jermaine Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

The next Sentencing Commission meeting will be Friday, February 24, 2023.