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## KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman  
Helen Pedigo, Executive Director

### Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting July 24, 2008

The Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on July 24, 2008, at 1:40 p.m. The meeting was held in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower Building, Topeka, Kansas.

#### Participants:

##### Members:

Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman  
Honorable Christel Marquardt  
Honorable Larry Solomon  
Senator John Vratil  
Roger Werholtz, Secretary of Corrections  
Patricia Biggs, Kansas Parole Board  
Chris Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration  
Thomas Drees, Ellis County Attorney  
Captain Dale Finger, Public Member  
Rick Kittel, Board of Indigents' Defense Service  
Daniel Monnat, Private Defense Council  
Reverend Junius Dotson, Public Member

##### Staff:

Helen Pedigo, Executive Director  
Ed Britton, Staff Attorney  
Janice Brasher, Fiscal Director  
Marty Schmiedeler, Accountant  
Jennifer Dalton, Accountant  
Brenda Harmon, Public Service Administrator  
Lora Moison, Research Analyst

##### Guest:

Don Stemen, PhD., Loyola University, Chicago

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### **Approval of the Minutes**

Chairman Johnson referred to the minutes of the May 22, 2008, Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written by the Honorable Christel Marquardt and seconded by Ms. Chris Mechler. The motion carried. The Commission meetings of March, April and June were canceled, therefore Ms. Patricia Biggs made the motion to prepare minutes for each of those months indicating that the meeting was cancelled and Mr. Thomas Drees seconded it. The motion carried.

### **Journal Entry/PSI Forms Proposed Modifications**

Ms. Helen Pedigo gave an overview of proposed modifications to the Journal Entry/PSI Forms. A motion was made by Judge Marquardt to modify the maximum good time possible statement to a checkbox indicating whether, for each count, the court pronounced the complete sentence, including the maximum good time percentage. Senator John Vratil seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Chris Mechler made the motion to approve amendments to the PSI and Judge Solomon seconded it. The motion carried.

### **LSI-R Committee**

Ms. Patricia Biggs provided an overview on LSI-R Committee activity. A handout of committee meeting minutes was provided. The next step is to look at data systems and how data can be shared with everyone.

### **SB123 Evaluation Presentation**

Dr. Don Stemen presented an update on the 36-month evaluation of SB 123. A handout was provided. Dr. Stemen will email a final report to the Commission at a later date for approval.

### **Substance Abuse Policy Board Appointment**

Judge Johnson made a motion to appoint Ms. Chris Mechler to the Substance Abuse Policy Board. A motion was made by Ms. Patricia Biggs moved and Reverend Junius Dotson seconded. The motion carried.

### **Recodification Commission**

Senator Vratil gave an update on the Recodification Commission. The Recodification Commission is relying a great deal on the Proportionality Subcommittee and the recommendations of the Subcommittee.

### **Agency Report**

Ms. Pedigo provided and discussed an agency report. A handout was provided.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower.

Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.