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KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

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

Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting May 22, 2008

The Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on May 22, 2008, at 1:30 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
Representative Janice Pauls
Representative Kevin Yoder
Chuck Simmons, Designee for Department of Corrections
Patricia Biggs, Kansas Parole Board
Chris Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
Annie Grevas, Director of Community Corrections, 28th District
Kevin Graham, Designee for Attorney General's Office
Thomas Drees, Ellis County Attorney
Rick Kittel, Board of Indigents' Defense Service
Daniel Monnat, Private Defense Council

Staff:

Helen Pedigo, Executive Director
Ed Britton, Staff Attorney
Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst
Lora Moison, Research Analyst
Jessica Brunton, Research Analyst
Brenda Harmon, Public Service Administrator
Janice Brasher, Fiscal Director

Guest:

Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department

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Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Johnson referred to the minutes of the February 22, 2008, Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written by the Honorable Larry Solomon and seconded by Mr. Kevin Graham. 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 LSI-R meeting is scheduled for May 28th.

Recodification Commission

Representative Janice Pauls gave an update on the Kansas Criminal Code Recodification Commission activities. Two handouts were provided, one of which was the 2007 Interim Report to the Kansas Legislature. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 28th.

FY 2007 KSC Annual Report Presentation

Ms. Helen Pedigo gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FY 2007 KSC Annual Report. Since the report is statistical in nature, in order to meet deadlines a decision was made to not have formal Commission approval before getting it to the printer. This data was based on 12,646 felony sentences reported from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. A handout of the report was provided.

Legislation Passed During 2008

Ms. Pedigo discussed a handout showing Legislation passed during the 2008 Legislative Session. The bills discussed affected either changes in severity levels of crimes, criminal sentencing or corrections. The handout showed prison bed space impacts over the next 10 years, or made a notation if an impact estimate was not possible, for each bill.

Agency Report

Ms. Pedigo provided and discussed an agency report.

Next Meeting

The next Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower.

Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.