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## KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

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

### **Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Teleconference Meeting April 23, 2009**

The Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on April 23, 2009, at 1:34 p.m. via teleconference.

#### **Participants:**

##### **Members:**

Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman  
Honorable Christel Marquardt  
Honorable Richard M. Smith  
Senator David Haley  
Representative Pat Colloton  
Representative Janice Pauls  
Secretary Roger Werholtz, Department of Corrections  
Patricia Biggs, Kansas Parole Board  
Chris Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration  
Thomas Drees, Ellis County Attorney  
Daniel Monnat, Private Defense Council  
Captain Dale Finger, Public Member  
Reverend Junius Dotson, Public Member  
Kris Ailslieger, Designee for Attorney General's Office

##### **Staff:**

Helen Pedigo, Executive Director  
Kunlun Chang, Director of Research  
Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst  
Janice Brasher, Fiscal Director  
Jennifer Dalton, Accountant  
Brenda Harmon, Public Service Administrator  
Trish Beck, Program Assistant

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Chairman Johnson referred to the minutes of the March 26, 2009, Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSC) meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Ms. Chris Mechler and seconded by Judge Richard Smith. The motion carried.

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### **KSC FY 2008 Annual Report Presentation**

Helen Pedigo provided an overview of the KSC FY 2008 Annual Report by referring to a PowerPoint presentation and handout. The KSC FY 2008 Annual Report was mailed to all members for review prior to the meeting. Recognition was given to Fengfang Lu for all of her time and effort in completing the KSC FY 2008 Annual Report. Discussion resulted in a request for additional information, including copies of journal entries of sentencing for offenses convicted under Jessica's Law.

### **Prison Bed Update**

Secretary Werholtz provided a handout regarding prison facility capacities, budget cuts and prison population. Suggestions for controlling prison population growth were discussed and included in a handout. A suggestion to create a Population Review Committee was mentioned.

### **Recodification Commission Update**

Representative Janice Pauls reported that the Recodification Commission is making good progress.

### **KSC Agency Report**

Ms. Pedigo presented the KSC Agency Report. A handout was provided.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. Jayhawk Tower Senate Room

Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.