

**Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Teleconference Meeting
June 25, 2009**

The Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on June 25, 2009, at 1:38 p.m. via teleconference.

Participants:

Members:

Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman
Honorable Christel Marquardt
Honorable Richard M. Smith
Senator David Haley
Representative Pat Colloton
Patricia Biggs, Kansas Parole Board
Chris Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
Roger Haden, Department of Corrections, Designee
Thomas Drees, Ellis County Attorney
Annie E. Grevas, Community Corrections Program Director
Reverend Junius Dotson, Public Member

Guest:

Nick Moore, Kansas Court of Appeals, Intern

Staff:

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

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Johnson referred to the minutes of the April 23, 2009, Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSC) meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Tom Drees and seconded by the Honorable Christel Marquardt. The motion carried.

The KSC May 14, 2009, meeting was cancelled.

Recognition of Resigning member and New Member Kris Ailsieger

The committee members acknowledged and thanked Rick Kittel, University of Kansas School of Law, who asked the Governor not to reappoint him. Mr. Kittel has been a KSC Member since 1997. His insight and participation has been greatly appreciated. The best of luck to him in his future endeavors.

Commissioners welcomed newly appointed member Kris Ailsieger, who will serve as the Kansas Attorney General's designee.

2009 Journal Entry Review- Motion for approval

Helen Pedigo provided handouts and discussed changes for the 2009 Journal Entry of Judgment, Journal Entry of Probation Revocation Hearing, Pre-Sentence Investigation Report, Nondrug, and Drug Grids. A motion was made to approve the forms with minor modifications by Tom Drees and seconded by the Honorable Christel Marquardt. The motion carried. These will be posted to the Kansas Sentencing Commission website on or around July 1, 2009.

A notation in the KSC E-Newsletter will indicate the 2009 forms availability and important information relative to Journal Entry.

Proportionality Committee Update

The first meeting of the year was held earlier in the day via teleconference. The next meeting, scheduled for July 6, will focus on reducing the prison bed impact of 2009 House Bill 2332, and addressing probation and post incarceration supervision issues.

Recodification Commission Update

Tom Drees reported that the Recodification Commission is making progress and moving at a steady pace. They intend to finalize a proposal in August or September in time for introduction during the 2010 Legislation session.

Prison Bed Update

Secretary Werholtz was unable to attend; therefore Roger Haden asked that thoughts regarding options and ideas to help reduce beds continue until data is provided by Secretary Werholtz. As requested during the meeting, Brenda Harmon will send an email to all commission members with an attachment from Secretary Werholtz entitled, "Suggestions for Controlling Prison Population Growth."

KSC Agency Report

Helen Pedigo presented the KSC Agency Report. A handout was provided. A SB123 Update Conference was held in Wichita June 11, 2009. A survey was given to all participants and a handout was provided to show positive feedback and helpful suggestions resulting from the presentation. The Desk Reference Manual is on track for printing in August.

Next Meeting

The next Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the Jayhawk Tower Senate Room.