

## KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

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

### **Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting March 26, 2009**

The Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on March 26, 2009, 1:33 p.m. The meeting was held at the Jayhawk Tower Senate Room, Topeka, Kansas.

#### **Participants:**

##### **Members:**

Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman  
Honorable Christel Marquardt  
Honorable Richard M. Smith  
Senator Tim Owens  
Senator David B. Haley  
Representative Pat Colloton  
Representative Janice Pauls  
Chuck Simmons, Designee for Department of Corrections  
Chris Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration  
Annie Grevas, Director of Community Corrections, 28<sup>th</sup> District  
Captain Dale Finger, Public Member  
Reverend Junius Dotson, Public Member  
Kevin Graham, Attorney General's Office

##### **Guests:**

Don Stemen, Assistant Professor, Loyola University Chicago  
Kris Ailslieger, Designee for Attorney General's Office  
Chief Ed Klumpp, Retired, Topeka Police Dept., Recodification Vice-Chair

##### **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 February 19, 2009, Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSC) meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Ms. Chris Mechler and seconded by Ms. Annie Grevas. The motion carried.

### **SB 123 Evaluation Presentation**

Professor Don Stemen provided a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the draft report, "An Evaluation of Recidivism after 60 Months." A handout was provided.

### **Prison Closures**

Helen Pedigo provided information relating to options for reducing prison admissions as listed in the KSC's established duties listed in K.S.A. 74-9101. Director Pedigo discussed the actual and projected Kansas Adult Prison Populations as shown in the handout. Members of the Sentencing Commission discussed incarceration costs per offender per year.

### **Budget Cuts FY 2010**

Helen Pedigo discussed the FY 2010 budget information for the KSC. Director Pedigo stated that the House recommended an 8.25% reduction, while the Senate recommended a 19% reduction to the agency's budget. A chart was provided showing the reduction of service resulting from both House and Senate positions.

### **Recodification Commission Update**

Representative Janice Pauls reported information on the work and progress of the Recodification Commission.

### **Annual Report Presentation**

A condensed version of the report was provided and acknowledged. No presentation was given.

### **Agency Report**

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

### **Next Meeting**

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

Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.