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## KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

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

### **Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting February 22, 2008**

The Honorable Larry Solomon, called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on February 22, 2008, at 1:40 p.m., once a quorum had been met. The meeting was held in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower Building, Topeka, Kansas.

#### **Participants:**

##### **Members:**

Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chairman  
Honorable Larry Solomon  
Representative Janice Pauls  
Chuck Simmons, Designee for Department of Corrections  
Patricia Biggs, Kansas Parole Board  
Chris Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration  
Annie Grevas, Director of Community Corrections, 28<sup>th</sup> District  
Kevin Graham, Designee for Attorney General's Office  
Thomas Drees, Ellis County Attorney  
Captain Dale Finger, Public Member  
Rick Kittel, Board of Indigents' Defense Service

##### **Staff:**

Helen Pedigo, Executive Director  
Kunlun Chang, Director of Research  
Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst  
Brenda Harmon, Public Service Administrator  
Janice Brasher, Fiscal Director  
Jennifer Dalton, Accountant  
Lora Moison, Research Analyst  
Jessica Brunton, Research Analyst

##### **Guest:**

Representative Tim Owens, 19<sup>th</sup> District, Overland Park

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### **Approval of the Minutes**

The Honorable Larry Solomon referred to the minutes of the January 25, 2008, Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Dale Finger and seconded by Ms. Chris Mechler to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

### **Vice-Chair Vacancy**

The Chairman asked the Commission their opinion on whether to appoint a Vice-Chairman. He asked Commissioners to bring their opinions to the next meeting.

### **LSI-R Committee**

Ms. Patricia Biggs reported on LSI-R Committee activity. The next LSI-R meeting is scheduled for March 21 at 9:30. At that meeting, staff from Johnson County will discuss their experience with the pilot project and IT Directors from two branches of state government will discuss database options. The LSI-R Committee hopes to bring a formal report and recommendations to the Commission in April.

### **Recodification Commission**

Representative Pauls reported on Recodification Commission activities. Ms. Helen Pedigo will email the Recodification Commission's 2007 Interim Report to the Legislature to Commission members.

### **Agency Report**

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

### **KDOC Treatment Facility**

Representative Owens was invited to talk about exploration of corrections initiatives and treatment options by the Special Committee on Corrections Reform and Oversight that he chairs.

### **Next Meeting**

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

A motion was made by Ms. Patricia Biggs and seconded by Mr. Kevin Graham to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.