



Mark Keating, Chair

Mark Keating was appointed to serve as the Chair of the Prisoner Review Board of the Kansas Department of Corrections in September 2024. He brings to this role 32 years' experience in the field of corrections and criminal justice. Keating grew up in Johnson County, Ks., graduating from Shawnee Mission South High School. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Baylor University and his Master of Science degree in Criminology from Indiana State University.

Keating began his career in corrections in March 1992 as a Parole Officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Dallas, Tx., specializing in sex offender supervision and the revocation process. In 1997, he was promoted to Hearing Officer for the Texas Board of Pardons and Parole, serving as Administrative Law Judge in conducting Administrative Release Preliminary and Revocation Hearings.

Keating returned to Kansas in August 1999 as a Parole Officer in the Kansas City Parole Office. He worked at all levels of parole before accepting the position of Director of Sex Offender Management in the KDOC's central office in 2005. He returned to parole services in 2008 as Deputy Director for the KDOC's Northern Parole Region. He was then promoted to the Parole Director of the Northern Parole Region in September of 2013.

Keating was appointed as a member of the Prisoner Review Board in January 2016 by then KDOC Secretary Ray Roberts and has served in that capacity until this current appointment. He is an active member of several local and national organizations, including the Association of Paroling Authorities International (he was the 2023 recipient of the Vincent O'Leary Award, awarded annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to APAI and has demonstrated vision, leadership and commitment to the field of parole), the Kansas Sentencing Commission, and the Johnson County Criminal Justice Advisory Council. He has completed the National Institute of Corrections certifications for Parole Board Members and Parole Board Chairs.

Mark is a committed public servant, one with an exceptional understanding of the circumstances that indicate an incarcerated individual is prepared to return to the community and the factors that need to be in place to mitigate their chance of reoffending and returning to prison.