



# U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

## Bail Reform in Kentucky

### Hosted By:

Kentucky Advisory  
Committee to the U.S.  
Commission on  
Civil Rights

### Date:

Thursday, August 20 and  
Tuesday, August 25, 2020

### Time:

12:00 – 2:00 pm ET

### Location:

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It is estimated that nearly half a million people are held in jail before trial. Kentucky's overcrowded county jails are clogged with people who can't afford to post bail. This is particularly concerning as correctional facilities are being devastated by COVID-19.

The Kentucky Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is convening its second and third of a series of web conference briefings to examine bail reform in Kentucky. The Committee is examining whether pretrial release determinations vary so widely by judges and courts that it violates the constitutional rights of poor persons, women, or communities of color. The Committee is also looking at the effectiveness of the existing risk assessment system and whether it has decreased the use of cash bail in favor of pretrial release.

Agendas for Tuesday and Thursday, August 20 and 25 are attached.

**To attend call 1-800-367-2403; ID: 4778000**

The Committee will have time at end of the briefing to hear from members of the public who are encouraged to share their views and experiences with bail reform.

For information regarding upcoming meetings please contact the Regional Programs Unit at the phone numbers to the left.

There might be accompanying visual components to the remote panel via a webinar platform, including presentation slides. You may join the video panel on Tuesday at <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/oyxhc324vy4m&eom> and Thursday at <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/v7ceomk50ggh&eom>



# **Kentucky Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

**Thursday, August 20, 2020**

## **Agenda**

**Opening Remarks**

**Web Conference**

**Panel Two**

Renee McDaniel, Executive Director, Kentucky Jailer's Association

State Senator Whitney Westerfield, Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Chief Justice John D. Minton, Kentucky Supreme Court

Q&A from Committee members

**Open Comment**

**Next Steps**

**Adjournment**



# **Kentucky Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

## **Agenda**

**Opening Remarks**

**Web Conference**

**Panel Three**

Cherise Fanno Burdeen, Executive Partner, Pretrial Justice Institute

Josh Crawford, Executive Director, Pegasus Institute

Amanda Hall, Policy Strategist, Smart Justice, ACLU-KY

Ashley Spalding, Research Director, Kentucky Center for Economic Policy

Shemeka Parrish Wright, Operations Manager, The Bail Project

Q&A from Committee members

**Open Comment**

**Next Steps**

**Adjournment**