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Meredith Farrar-Owens currently serves as the director of the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission. She leads staff in the development, implementation, and administration of Virginia's sentencing guidelines. In addition, Ms. Farrar-Owens has conducted research on such subjects as offender risk assessment, sex offender recidivism, drug crime, and probation violators. For many years, she has performed analysis to assess the fiscal impact of proposed criminal justice legislation. Prior to the Sentencing Commission, Ms. Farrar-Owens held positions with the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, as well as Virginia's Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice.

Ms. Farrar-Owens is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics with a minor in government. She completed her Master's Degree in sociology at Virginia Commonwealth University. Ms. Farrar-Owens served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions for several years, including three years as the organization's President.