

**Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission
Meeting Minutes**

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Mark Patterson (virtual)

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Hon. Ronald Ibarra (ret.)

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Hon. Michael Town (ret.)

Theodore Sakai (virtual)

Oversight Coordinator

Christin M. Johnson

The monthly Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission meeting is offered as a hybrid meeting where Commissioners and members of the public can participate in person, or via teleconference. Details for both options are noted below.

Time: Thursday, December 15, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 310
Honolulu, HI 96813

Teleconference: Zoom Meeting ID: 964 1109 6050

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Items to be Discussed:

- I. Call to Order **(0:00:15)**
- II. Roll Call **(0:00:28)**
- III. Approval of November 17, 2022, meeting minutes **(0:00:55)**
 - Motion passed
- IV. Public testimony on agenda items **(0:01:17)**
- V. Oversight Coordinator Report **(0:01:39)**
 - New Department Leadership
 - i. Tommy Johnson, Director of Public Safety
 - ii. Mick Hoffman, Deputy Director of Corrections (temporary)

- One in custody death, Friday, December 9th, 2022, at Halawa Correctional Facility
- Electronic Medical Record (EMR)
 - i. June 14th, 2022, system went down
 - ii. Down more than six months
 - iii. Patient safety/health at risk
 - iv. Ensure consistency and care across multiple providers
 - 1. Ensure medications are appropriately administered/documented to lessen the risk of patients' health
 - 2. Reduce time spent on documentation as there are often templates to improve efficiency
 - v. If system cannot be fixed, immediate action must be taken to resolve.
 - 1. Proposed letter to Director of Public Safety regarding EMR and profound concern and treated as an emergency
 - vi. Every time system goes down, data is lost when system is back up (crisis)
- Actions taken:
 - i. One facility tour (HCCC) – December 12th due to holiday travel and sickness
 - ii. Justice Involved Homelessness Intergovernmental Collaboration
 - 1. Continued work with Going Home Hawaii
 - 2. Reentry Housing Summit (April 2023)
- Mana Wahine Ekolu Conference by Pua Foundation
 - i. Dual approach that focuses on strengthening the capacity who support the community members impacted by system involvement while also enhancing the wellness of each participant
 - ii. Learn about Hawaiian culture and history
- Saguaro Correctional Center Limited Legal Call Schedule
 - i. Received written complaint on November 22nd, 2023, from Hawaii Innocence Project
 - ii. Legal calls are only from Tuesday to Thursday, approximately 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. HST
 - 1. Letter sent to Department from Commission requesting Hawaii normal business hours be considered and received by Tommy Johnson
- Response letter sent to Department of Public Safety regarding Correctional Working Group
- Department of Public Safety Highlights
 - i. HCCC Mental Health unit
 - 1. 2022 Team of the year reward
 - ii. Associate degree, GED, and culinary programs at Halawa and Women's Correctional Facility
 - iii. Department participated in Heroes and Helpers program during the holiday season

- HCCC Updates – December 12th, 2023
 - i. Bi-weekly trips to HCCC
 - ii. Overcrowding
 - 1. 157% occupancy rate, lower than 170% in September
 - iii. Safety & Security
 - 1. Multi-purpose room aka fishbowl room
 - a. 16 men housed, down from November report
 - iv. Programs & Services
 - 1. No major updates since November report
 - a. Uniforms
 - v. Inmate Grievance System
 - 1. Grievance Coordinators
- Suicide & Safety Watch
 - i. No individuals during visit
- Medical Unit/Shipping Container (COVID unit)
 - i. 19 individuals in 4 cells
- Recreation
 - i. No major updates since November's report
- Visit Room
 - i. In-person still not happening due to construction
 - 1. To create non-contact visit spaces in the visit room
 - 2. Contact visits are vital
 - 3. Waiting for phones to implement visits
- General Office Updates
 - i. Hiring – Reentry and Diversion Oversight Specialist
- Expenses
 - i. Review report online

NEW JAIL – OCCC (0:30:48)

- VI. Update on meeting with the Correctional Reform Working Group **(0:30:50)**
 - New jail and rehabilitation
 - Meeting with Governor Josh Green
- VII. Analysis of PSD Response to Commission and Correctional Reform Working Group **(0:38:26)**
 - Ted covered in previous bullet
 - Response available online
- VIII. Discussion of the next steps in the planning of the new Oahu Community Correctional Center **(0:39:52)**
 - No updates available due to funding

OTHER

- IX. Update on COVID-19 infections, deaths, and vaccinations at Department of Public Safety facilities and Saguaro Correctional Facility in Arizona **(0:40:40)**
- Vaccinations:
 - i. 1st dose – 753
 - ii. Final – 3,708
 - iii. Boosters – 1,371
 - iv. 2nd – 167
 - v. Updated booster – 68
 - vi. Combined totals – 6,6067 vaccines (cumulative over 2 years)
 - Positive Cases:
 - i. Currently:
 1. HCF – 47
 2. OCCC – 2
 3. Waiawa – 1
 4. MCCC – 1
 - All facilities have bare minimum of 30-day supply of PPE
 - i. All inmates receive two cloth masks
- X. Discussion of mental health programs and restrictive housing procedures at Department of Public Safety facilities **(0:43:04)**
- No current updates
- XI. Neighbor Island Visits and Meetings **(0:43:25)**
- Schedule posted on website for year 2023
- XII. Public Comment **(0:45:05)**
- XIII. Any announcements and scheduling of next meeting **(1:00:05)**
- Next meeting: January 19, 2023

Members of the public may submit written testimony on any item on this agenda before the meeting via e-mail or mail to the Oversight Coordinator, Christin Johnson. Testimony received after December 12, 2022, will be accepted but the Commissioners may not have time to read them before the meeting. Members of the public may also submit testimony at the meeting without submitting it to the Commission beforehand.

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