



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**  
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## Meeting Minutes

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, August 17, 2023, 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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**Note: Items VI & VII moved up on agenda during meeting**

### Items to be Discussed:

- I. Call to Order
  - Roll Call Present: Mark Patterson, Ronald Ibarra, Christin Johnson, Michael Town, and George Choe
  - Excused: Theodore Sakai, Cara Compani
- II. Approval of July 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes **(0:02:10)**
  - Moved by Martha
  - Seconded by Mike
  - Approved
- III. Public Testimony on Agenda Items **((0:03:00)**
  - House Concurrent Resolution 23 (HCR23)
- IV. Monthly Oversight Coordinator Report **(0:27:20)**

- July 27, 2023 – in custody death (Halawa Correctional Facility)
    - i. 84 years old, terminal illness
  - National Association on Sentencing Commission (NASC) Conference
    - i. Data practices
  - Going Home Hawai‘i Summit
    - i. August 22, 2023
  - Breaking Cycles: Re-Envisioning a Health, Housing, and Corrections Continuum
    - i. October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at YWCA Nuuanu
- V. HCR23 Task Force **(0:34:20)**
- Study parole system models utilized by other states and effectiveness
  - Examine and compare the minimum sentences issued by the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) and the courts to determine any significant differences
  - Recommend whether Administration of Justice be better served by removing minimum sentences from the HPA
- VI. New OCCC Discussion **(0:11:51)**
- DPS requested \$25M in 2022
    - i. \$15M – 2024
    - ii. \$10M – 20245
  - Legislature did not approve \$15M for FY24, but approved \$10M for FY25
  - DPS requested \$7M from Governor’s fund to keep project moving
    - i. Process moved from B&F → Governor’s office
  - \$1.5M remaining from previous year being used currently
  - Dept. of Agriculture needs to move current quarantine site first
  - October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Outreach event (YWCA-Nuuanu)
- VII. Maui Wildfires **(0:17:15)**
- Psych and social workers in facility talking to inmates
  - Don’t have resources to allow inmates to funerals but will do best for contact
  - All supplies provided come from Wailuku except for refuse
    - i. 5 weeks of food
    - ii. Medications
  - Will work with National Guard and HIEMA regarding refuse disposal
- VIII. Public Comment **(0:46:47)**
- IX. Any announcements and scheduling of next meeting
- Next meeting Thursday, September 21, 2023
    - i. Facility Visit: Halawa Correctional Facility

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 ~~July 17~~ August 14, 2023, 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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