



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, September 21, 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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Items to be Discussed:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - Present: Martha Torney, Ronald Ibarra, Mike Town, Theodore Sakai, Christin Johnson, Cara Compani, and George Choe
 - Excused: Chair Mark Patterson
- III. Approval of August 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes **(0:00:26)**
 - Moved by Mike Town
 - Seconded by Ronald Ibarra
 - Approved
- IV. Public Testimony on Agenda Items **(0:00:48)**
- V. Department of Public Safety – Director’s Update **(0:02:37)**
 - Transition to Corrections & Rehabilitation

- i. Effective January 1, 2024 – Redesignated from Department of Public Safety to Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation
 1. New Department formed – Department of Law Enforcement
 - a. Deputy Sheriffs Division
 - b. Narcotics Enforcement Unit
 - c. Internal Affairs
 2. Will not have any law enforcement entities
 - ii. Internally reviewing policies and procedures, staff uniforms, patches with new seal, changing mission statement, vision, and website
- VI. New Jail – OCCC
 - Did not receive any funding this year from legislature, but \$10M beginning July 1, 2024.
 - Governor agreed to provide \$7.5M
 - i. \$4.5M for planning and design
 - ii. \$3M for planning and design to move animal quarantine facility
 - Unable to proceed until current animal quarantine facility is moved
 - Relocation of Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC)
 - New MOU agreement signed to expand culinary arts program with Kapiolani Community College (KCC) to include Waiwa Correctional Facility (WCF), currently at Women’s Community Correctional Center (WCCC)
 - Tentative approval by Security Administration to work with Social Security Administration for inmates who are American-born citizens obtain replacement social security cards in Hawaii, including Saguaro Correctional Facility.
 - i. Different process for non-American-born citizens and will need to work with Social Security Administration
 - State ID printing equipment – machines allow communication electronically to take photo, fingerprints, and pre-application to City and County for review
 - i. City & County prints ID
 - ii. Checklist and document for signature if inmates want to obtain ID
 - Timeline:
 - i. Social Security Administration – few more months
 - ii. ID card machine – few months
 1. Continue follow-up
 - Associate Degree Program at HCF
 - i. 7 or 8 graduated
 - ii. Expand program to WCF and WCCC – to begin in March or April 2024
- VII. [Thoughtworks Corrections Field Study Presentation \(0:55:17\)](#)
- VIII. [Monthly Oversight Coordinator Report \(1:34:55\)](#)
- IX. [HCR23 Task Force \(1:45:00\)](#)
 - Meetings will be open to public via virtual attendance
- X. Public Comment (1:55:40)
- XI. Any announcements and scheduling of next meeting
 - Next meeting Thursday, October 19, 2023
 - i. Facility Visit: Halawa Correctional Facility

Executive Session: Debriefing from Attorney General's office on *Reyes v. Tanaka* (2:09:25)
The Commission may go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(1)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

XII. Adjournment (2:50:45)

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 September 18, 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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