



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, November 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Location: University of Hawai'i at Hilo
200 W Kawili Street
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
Room: UCB 127

Teleconference: Zoom Meeting ID: 964 1109 6050

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Items to be Discussed:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call **(0:00:57)**
 - Present: Mark Patterson, Ronald Ibarra, Ted Sakai, Martha Torney, Mike Town, Christin Johnson, Cara Compani, and George Choe
- III. Approval of October 19, 2023, [Meeting Minutes](#) **(0:01:30)**
 - Moved by Mike Town
 - Seconded by Ronald Ibarra
 - Motion passed
- IV. Public Testimony on Agenda Items **(0:02:10)**

- V. Department of Public Safety – Director’s Update **(0:03:30)** – **not present**
 - Transition to Corrections & Rehabilitation
 - New Jail – OCCC

- VI. HCSOC Budget **(0:03:52)**
 - Not funded by Legislature for fiscal year 2024
 - Governor funded HCSOC for fiscal year 2024
 - Request for additional staff
 - i. Investigators
 - 1. Jail
 - 2. Prison
 - Request for \$609,000 for FY25
 - Budget submitted to B&F → Appealed → Governor’s Office → Legislature
 - i. B&F edits
 - 1. Removed one investigator
 - 2. Reduced travel costs by 50%
 - a. Intra-state
 - b. Out-of-state
 - 3. Salary request reduction

- VII. Legislative Priorities **(0:10:50)**
 - Funding HCSOC and reestablishing budget
 - Oversight Coordinator has unfettered access to facilities
 - Extend Oversight Coordinator’s term from 2 years to 4 years
 - Allow Commission to go into private session to discuss investigations
 - Ted Sakai’s bill re: offender reentry
 - i. Expanding re-entry
 - ii. Limiting length of imprisonment
 - SB455, HB1132, SB454, and HB861 introduced 2023 legislative session
 - Women’s prison project – expand camera coverage/body cameras
 - i. HB1235
 - ii. SB1470
 - Motion to accept recommendations of legislative priorities 2024
 - i. Moved by Martha Torney
 - ii. Seconded by Mike Town
 - iii. Motion passed

- VIII. Presentation on Reentry and Diversion Strategic Plan **(0:24:50)**
 - [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
 - [Reentry and Diversion Strategic Plan](#)

- IX. [Monthly Oversight Coordinator Report](#) **(1:14:45)**

- X. PSD Responses to Commissioner Recommendations **(1:20:20)**
 - Hawaii Community Correctional Center
 - Oahu Community Correctional Center
 - Kauai Community Correctional Center
 - Maui Community Correctional Center

- HCSOC Proposal for Action
 - Recommendation letter
 - Motion to accept letter
 - Moved by Martha Torney
 - Seconded by Ronald Ibarra
 - Motion passed

XI. [Commissioner Report on Halawa Correctional Facility Observations](#) (1:35:15)

XII. [HCR23 Task Force](#) (1:51:50)

- Next meeting January 11, 2024

XIII. Public Comment (1:54:00)

XIV. Any announcements and scheduling of next meeting

- Next meeting Thursday, December 21, 2023
 - i. Facility Visit: Waiawa Correctional Facility

XV. Adjournment

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 November 13, 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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