



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, December 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

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

Teleconference: Zoom Meeting ID: 964 1109 6050

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Items to be Discussed:

- I. Call to Order **(0:04:25)**
- II. Roll Call **(0:04:30)**
 - Present: Mark Patterson, Ronald Ibarra, Martha Torney, Mike Town, Christin Johnson, Cara Compani, and George Choe
- III. Approval of November 16, 2023, Meeting Minutes **(0:04:55)**
 - Moved by Mike Town
 - Seconded by Ronald Ibarra
 - Motion passed
- IV. Public Testimony on Agenda Items **(0:05:30)**

- V. Ted Sakai Resignation from Commission **(0:12:50)**
- VI. Department of Public Safety – Director’s Update **(0:20:00)**
- Transition to Corrections & Rehabilitation
 - i. Sheriffs, Narcotics Enforcement, and Criminal Internal Investigation Affairs Unit transitioned to the Department of Law Enforcement
 - ii. Began rebadging process
 - iii. Policies and procedures 95% complete
 - New Jail – OCCC
 - i. No changes but RFI (issued next spring) and RFP (to follow next fall) process
 - ii. Working with UH for planning and design
 1. Requested \$15M → not approved
 2. Requested \$10M in lieu
 - a. Initial release \$7.5M
 - i. \$4M to DCR
 - ii. \$3.5M to DHRD
 - HCCC – 48 beds completed in dormitory (anticipated to be completed April ’24)
 - Funding to relocate KCCC
 - Funding to add on medical services to HCF
 - Funding for MCCC
 - Announcement of new Deputy Director for Correctional Institution
 - Final employee service awards for 10, 20, and 30 years of service (January 29, 2024) as DPS
 - Academy to neighbor islands
- VII. Legislative Priorities **(0:32:15)**
- Governor’s budget presented to Legislators
 - i. Requested \$693K → \$462K
 1. Fund current staffing
 2. Add 2 Investigators (Jail & Prison)
 3. 1 position cut, salaries cut, travel and office supplies cut
- VIII. [Job Stress Experienced by Correctional Officers in Hawai‘i presented by Sophie Gralapp](#) **(0:36:45)**
- IX. [Monthly Oversight Coordinator Report](#) **(1:17:25)**
- [Safety and Sanitation Proposal Letter](#)
 - [Support for the Waiawa Correctional Facility Plan Review Use and Special Use Permits Letter](#)
- X. [Commissioner Report on Kulani Correctional Facility Observations](#) **(1:23:40)**
- XI. [HCR23 Task Force](#) **(1:45:05)**
- Next meeting January 11, 2024
- XII. Vote on necessity for holding a limited meeting at the following correctional facilities: **(1:47:40)**

a. Oahu Community Correctional Center **(1:49:05)**

- Moved by Hon. Michael Town
- Seconded by Hon. Ronald Ibarra
- Motion passed unanimously

Vote on necessity for waiver of videotaping requirement **(1:52:05)**

- Moved by Hon. Michael Town
- Seconded by Hon. Ronald Ibarra
- Motion passed unanimously

b. Kauai Community Correctional Center **(1:53:30)**

- Moved by Martha Torney
- Seconded by Hon. Michael Town
- Motion passed unanimously

Vote on necessity for waiver of videotaping requirement **(1:55:05)**

- Moved by Martha Torney
- Seconded by Hon. Michael Town
- Motion passed unanimously

c. Hawaii Community Correctional Center **(1:56:10)**

- Moved by Hon. Ronald Ibarra
- Seconded by Martha Torney
- Motion passed unanimously

Vote on necessity for waiver of videotaping requirement **(1:57:40)**

- Moved by Hon. Ronald Ibarra
- Seconded by Martha Torney
- Motion passed unanimously

d. Maui Community Correctional Center **(1:59:15)**

- Moved by Hon. Michael Town
- Seconded by Martha Torney
- Motion passed unanimously

Vote on necessity for waiver of videotaping requirement **(2:00:45)**

- Moved by Hon. Michael Town
- Seconded by Martha Torney
- Motion passed unanimously

e. Women's Community Correctional Center **(2:01:40)**

- Moved by Martha Torney
- Seconded by Hon. Ronald Ibarra
- Motion passed unanimously

Vote on necessity for waiver of videotaping requirement **(2:03:10)**

- Moved by Martha Torney
- Seconded by Hon. Ronald Ibarra
- Motion passed unanimously

f. Halawa Correctional Facility **(2:04:10)**

- Moved by Hon. Ronald Ibarra
- Seconded by Hon. Michael Town
- Motion passed unanimously

Vote on necessity for waiver of videotaping requirement **(2:05:20)**

- Moved by Hon. Ronald Ibarra
- Seconded by Hon. Michael Town
- Motion passed unanimously

g. Kulani Correctional Facility **(2:06:15)**

- Moved by Martha Torney
- Seconded by Hon. Michael Town
- Motion passed unanimously

Vote on necessity for waiver of videotaping requirement **(2:07:30)**

- Moved by Hon. Michael Town
- Seconded by Martha Torney
- Motion passed unanimously

h. Waiawa Correctional Facility **(2:08:30)**

- Moved by Martha Torney
- Seconded by Hon. Michael Town
- Motion passed unanimously

Vote on necessity for waiver of videotaping requirement **(2:09:50)**

- Moved by Martha Torney
- Seconded by Hon. Michael Town
- Motion passed unanimously

XIII. Public Comment **(2:11:40)**

XIV. Any announcements and scheduling of next meeting

- Next meeting Thursday, January 18, 2024

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 December 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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