



**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, February 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Leiopapa A. Kamehameha (State Office Tower)  
235 S Beretania Street, Room 204  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Teleconference: Zoom Meeting ID: 964 1109 6050

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### Items to be Discussed:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call **(0:00:55)**
  - Present: Mark Patterson, Ronald Ibarra, Martha Torney, Christin Johnson, Cara Compani, and George Choe
- III. Approval of January 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes **(0:02:55)**
  - Moved by Mike Town
  - Seconded by Martha Torney
  - Motion passed
- IV. Public Testimony on Agenda Items **(0:03:45)**

- V. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Director’s Update **(0:06:15)**
- New Deputy Director for Correctional Institutions Announcement
    - i. Pamela Sturz
  - Transition to Corrections & Rehabilitation
    - i. Still in transition process
      - 1. Badging for vehicles
      - 2. Uniform issues with staff
      - 3. Policy and procedures completed, but forms are in the process
      - 4. Updating website – <https://dcr.hawaii.gov>
      - 5. Recruitment process – job fairs and universities
    - ii. Requested \$45M budget request for consolidated health care unit at HCF (Halawa Correctional Facility)
      - 1. 41 beds total
        - a. 11 – suicide and safety watch; accommodate those with mental health issues while they wait to transition to the State hospital
      - 2. It is not a forensic facility
    - iii. Senators Fevella and San Buenaventura addressing needs for mental health
  - DCR requested funding for locating a site location in Kona for a 120-bed facility
    - i. About 1/3 of HCCC population from Kona
    - ii. Looking for placement near courthouse
  - New location for KCCC in budget due to current location in a flood inundation zone
    - i. Two lots located on the same side of the road
      - 1. Owned by DLNR (Dept. of Land and Natural Resources)
      - 2. Owned by OHA (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
  - CIP (Capital Improvement Plan)
    - i. Requested \$96.5M, received \$89.5M
      - 1. \$18M – replace fencing at HCF
      - 2. Also replace MCCC’s (Maui Community Correctional Center) fencing
  - New Jail – OCCC
    - i. Working with consultants to finalize a staffing and operational cost report for the planning and design of facility
    - ii. No set design has been approved yet
      - 1. Cannot exceed four stories in height due to limitation of area
    - iii. Take advantage of AI (artificial intelligence) and electronics
      - 1. Various types of lighting and solar to reduce overall operating costs of facility
    - iv. RFI (Request for Information) or RFQ (Request for Quote) to be forthcoming in April-May 2024, and an RFP (Request for Proposal) in October-November 2024
    - v. Possibly a lease buyback P3 deal (30-year)
  - [HB 1812](#) – Solitary Confinement
  - [HB 2226](#) | [SB 2094](#) – Pet Program
  - Working with Office of Wellness on creating sensory cells in hospice care units at HCF and WCCC (Women’s Community Correctional Center)
    - i. Anticipate \$50k/cell

- ii. Create cells to mimic a home setting bedroom than cold hard cells
  - Request 24/7 nursing care in 5 facilities: Waiawa, HCCC, Kulani, MCCC, and KCCC
- VI. **Legislative Priorities (0:20:15)**
- [HB 1800](#) | [SB 2234](#) – Relating to the State Budget
    - i. ATG 100/EC
    - ii. Funding request \$462,134
      - 1. Four fulltime positions
        - a. Oversight Coordinator
        - b. Special Assistant to Oversight Coordinator
        - c. Reentry and Diversion Oversight Specialist
        - d. Jail Oversight Specialist (new position)
      - 2. Neighbor island travel
      - 3. Out-of-State travel to Saguaro Correctional Facility (SCF)
      - 4. Memberships and conferences
      - 5. General office supplies
  - [Help the Commission Exist](#)
  - [SB 3283](#) – Relating to the Hawai‘i Correctional System Oversight Coordinator’s Salary (DEFERRED)
- VII. [Monthly Oversight Coordinator Report \(0:30:10\)](#)
- VIII. HCR23 Task Force **(0:34:30)**
- Meetings will be held at State Office Tower, Room 204
  - Next meeting Friday, March 15, 2024
- IX. **Public Comment (0:36:00)**
- X. Any announcements and scheduling of next meeting
- Next meeting Thursday, March 21, 2024
  - Facility Tour: Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC)
- XI. **Adjournment (0:43:35)**

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 February 12, 2024, 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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