



**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 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building  
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 **(0:05:58)**
- II. Roll Call **(0:06:14)**
  - Present: Ronald Ibarra, Martha Torney, Mark Browning, Christin Johnson, Cara Compani, and George Choe
  - Excused: Mark Patterson, Mike Town
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2024 **(0:06:40)**
  - Moved by Mark Browning
  - Seconded by Ronald Ibarra
  - Motion passed

IV. Public Testimony on Agenda Items(0:07:00)

V. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Director Tommy Johnson Monthly Updates (0:07:20)

- Transition to Corrections & Rehabilitation
  - i. Deputy Director Sanna Munoz attended Makahiki in SCF and visited Pima County Transition Center to look at their deflection and diversion efforts in jail and to share that with Dr. Michael Champion.
  - ii. Meet with Judiciary to see if DCR can work more closely together to get mental health patients outside and into programs.
- Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027
  - i. Recap and highlights of what DCR has requested
    - 1. FY26 - \$30M
      - a. Continue with planning and design of OCCC, RFP and RFQ.
    - 2. FY27 - \$250M
      - a. 25% cost of P3 project
      - b. \$28.5M for HCF for remaining balance of consolidated healthcare center
        - i. Which will add 42 beds to Halawa including suicide safety and mental health beds, and regular infirmary beds.
        - ii. Received \$22.5M last year
      - c. \$5M for planning, design, and expansion of the operation to accommodate new females from OCCC to WCCC.
      - d. \$4M recurring permanent funding for reentry services to connect offenders with community-based services
      - e. \$1.9M for offender apprenticeship program with unions
        - i. DCR purchases initial safety equipment (boots, belts, goggles, etc.)
        - ii. Union would agree to train and assist them with employment
        - iii. Pilot program
      - f. \$200k Recurring funds top assist inmates with reintegration
      - g. \$147,700 for three new positions for reentry coordination office
        - i. Currently only has 1-Coordination Officer, 2 – Corrections Program Specialists, and 1 – Secretary
      - h. Requesting 20 new Case Manager positions:
        - i. 6 – HCF
        - ii. 4 – WCCC
        - iii. 3 – OCCC
        - iv. 3 – MCCC
        - v. 2 – HCCC
        - vi. 1 – KCCC
        - vii. 1 – WCF
        - viii. 1 – KCF
      - i. \$10M – regular CIP requests
      - j. \$8M – to redo the Master plan
      - k. \$3M – for MCCC renovations and upgrades

- l. \$5M – repairs and deferred maintenance both fiscal years
  - m. \$23M – general administration lumpsum for both fiscal years
  - n. \$7M – architectural removal so DCR can be ADA compliant
  - o. \$20M – Statewide security perimeter fencing
  3. Requesting B&F for tradeoffs for job positions
    - a. 2024 – 114 recruits and 22 graduating → 134 compared to 56 last year
    - b. Plan to host six classes per year
- VI. Announcement of Finalists for the Oversight Coordinator Position **(0:29:20)**
- [The Commission will announce their three finalists to be submitted to the Governor for appointment.](#)
- VII. Notification of New Position Postings with Commission **(0:30:35)**
- Reentry Oversight Specialist
  - Jail Oversight Specialist
- VIII. Commission Budget Request Updates **(0:31:45)**
- The upcoming legislative session for fiscal year 2026 and 2027.
    - i. Requested 2 pay increases
      1. Reentry Oversight Specialist
      2. Jail Oversight Specialist
    - ii. Requested Prison Oversight Specialist
    - iii. Two Research Policy Associates
    - iv. Clerical Assistant
    - v. Inter-island and mainland travel
    - vi. Memberships and conferences
    - vii. Case management system
    - viii. Basic office expenses
    - ix. Consultant for population limits for all facilities
- IX. Presentation by University of Hawai‘i Community Design Center (UHCDC) on Alternative Model for Rehabilitation & Restorative Justice **(0:34:50)**
- X. [Overview of the Monthly Oversight Coordinator Report \(1:02:20\)](#)
- XI. [Overview of Kulani Correctional Facility Tour & Report \(1:07:50\)](#)
- XII. Public Comment **(1:17:00)**
- Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Commission's agenda at the next meeting.
- XIII. Any Announcements and Scheduling of the Next Meeting **(1:47:30)**
- Next meeting Thursday, December 5, 2024 – Limited Meeting
    - i. Facility Tour: Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF)
  - Monthly Commission Meeting
    - i. Thursday, December 19, 2024

#### XIV. Adjournment (1:48:30)

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 18, 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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