



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, March 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building
235 S Beretania Street, Room 203
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Teleconference: Zoom Meeting ID: 964 1109 6050

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Items to be Discussed:

- I. Call to Order **(0:01:45)**
- II. Roll Call **(0:01:55)**
 - Present: Chair Patterson, Commissioner Town, Commissioner Ibarra, Commissioner Torney, Oversight Coordinator Christin Johnson, Alec Jamerson, Kimmy Takata, and George Choe
 - Excused: Commissioner Browning
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2025 **(0:02:20)**
 - Moved by Commissioner Town
 - Seconded by Commissioner Ibarra
 - Motion pass

- IV. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Director Tommy Johnson Monthly Updates **(0:03:45)**
- Present: Director Johnson and Deputy Director of Administration Melanie Martin
 - DCR to provide response review on June 2, 2025
 - Budget highlights
 - i. \$30M to continue planning and design for OCCC
 1. Cover RFQ, RFP, and bridging documents process
 2. \$4M for reentry efforts
 - Transition to Corrections & Rehabilitation
 - i. RFP for pet rehabilitation project at WCCC should be posted by March 21, 2025
 1. DCR received \$55k for pet rehabilitation care project
 2. Vendor will provide animals and veterinary care, DCR will care for animals and nurse them back to health
 3. Hookipa cottage to be location due to recently remodeled
 4. Being with three animals (kittens/cats)
 5. Monitor program before expanding
 - Update on OCCC New Jail Planning
 - i. Combining animal quarantine relocation with OCCC project into one larger project:
 1. Phase 1
 2. Phase 2
 - ii. Unable to move forward at this time due to funding, only funds for planning and design, bridging documents
 - DHRD (Department of Human Resources and Development) streamlining recruitment process for statewide vacancies, [Operation Hire Hawai'i](#)
 - i. DCR submitted list of priorities for hiring:
 1. Psychologists
 2. Licensed Practical Nurses
 3. Case Workers
 4. Case Managers
 - ii. DCR hired emergency hires for ACO position and are waiting to attend the academy
 1. First neighbor island academy with 14 applicants on Hawaii Island to begin
 2. If more than 6+ applicants on neighbor islands, DCR will send academy to them
- V. Legislative Update on Legislative Bills that are Directly Applicable to the Oversight Commission **(0:23:45)**
- [House Bill 1002 HD1](#), [Senate Bill 1321 SD2](#), [House Bill 300](#), [Senate Bill 473](#)
 - HB 1002/SB 1321 – Relating to the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission
 - HB 300/SB 473 – Relating to the State Budget
 - [SB 104 – Relating to Corrections](#)
- VI. [Overview of Oversight Coordinator Report](#) **(0:29:10)**
- Death in Custody
 - Welcoming New Staff

- i. Alec Jamerson, Jail Oversight Specialist
 - ii. Kimmy Takata, Reentry Oversight Specialist
 - Published Reports
 - i. [Hoe Amau – The current state of reentry in Hawaii](#)
 - Events Attended
 - i. Jail and Prison Oversight Forum
 - ii. NACOLE webinar: Digital Video Evidence: Identifying Technical Challenges and Limitations
 - iii. 2025 Pu‘uhonua Summit
 - Past Meetings
 - i. February 13, 2025 – Monthly Commission meeting
- VII. [Presentation on the Commission’s newly released report: *Hoe Amau: the current state of reentry in Hawaii*. \(0:33:20\)](#)
- Presentation given by Cara Compani, former Reentry and Diversion Oversight Specialist
- VIII. Public Comment (1:18:50)
- Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Commission's agenda at the next meeting
- IX. Announcements and Scheduling of the Next Meeting (1:30:05)
- Next meeting Thursday, April 10, 2025
 - i. Facility Tour: ~~Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC)~~
 - ii. Facility Tour: Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC)
- X. Adjournment (1:30:50)

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 10, 2025, 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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