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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, July 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building
235 S Beretania Street, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Recording: [YouTube](https://youtu.be/2apkxgWCc3U?si=PvsgLhd4BwK6XxBx)
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Items to be Discussed:

- I. **(0:00:40)** Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Patterson at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025. The meeting was conducted in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes. Chapter 92.
- II. **(0:00:45)** Roll Call
The following members were present in-person or virtually:
 - **Chair Mark Patterson**
 - **Commissioner R. Mark Browning**
 - **Commissioner Mike Town**
 - **Commissioner Martha Torney**
 - **Christin Johnson**, Oversight Coordinator
 - **Excused: Commissioner Ronald Ibarra**

Quorum was established with four members present. Also present via Microsoft Teams was Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Candace Park. Special Assistant George Choe, Reentry Oversight Specialist Kimmy Takata, and Jail Oversight Specialist Alec Jamerson were present at the physical meeting location.

- III. **(0:01:15)** Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2025
- Review of minutes by members. Motion by Chair Patterson to approve June 26, 2025, Open Session Meeting Minutes.
 - Motion moved by Commissioner Town and seconded by Commissioner Torney.
 - Vote: Unanimous approval, motion passed, minutes approved.
- IV. **(0:02:55)** Monthly Update from Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Director Tommy Johnson
- Legislature provided \$30M for planning design, RFQ, RFP, and bridging documents process for OCCC (Oahu Community Correctional Center)
 - i. FY26 - \$15M
 - ii. FY27 - \$15M
 - iii. Meeting with DAGS (Department of Accounting and General Services) and Department of Agriculture.
 - 1. Combining two projects into one (Phase 1 and Phase 2)
 - a. Moving kennels from the animal quarantine site, Dept. of Agriculture did not receive funding for requested ask of \$60M
 - b. Department of Attorney General to work on MOU between DAGS and Department of Agriculture to move forward with combining projects
 - DCR is still proceeding with the planning and design for the movement of KCCC (Kauai Community Correctional Center) and the land purchased needed.
 - MCCC (Maui Community Correctional Center) transfer has been paused due to water right and land issues and the entity working on it was ready to move forward yet.
 - i. To build a criminal justice or public safety complex where the courts and MCCC would be located, intake service center would be located, HPA would be located.
 - The Governor signed [Senate Bill 104](#), a working group that needs to be put together to review the bill as to what DCR can and cannot do.
 - i. Department does not foresee transferring and female inmates to the mainland ever again.
 - DCR requested \$10M for the Master Plan, but received \$250k
 - DCR requested \$20M in CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) for repairs and maintenance but received \$0.
 - DCR reduced their ACO (Adult Corrections Officer) vacancy from 30.4% → little over 20%
 - i. Holding eight classes
 - ii. If neighboring island has 6+ applicants then academy will be held on respective island.
 - ACO incentives: longevity pay, hiring bonus, and incentive to return step movements.

- V. **(0:42:00)** [Presentation of the O‘ahu Community Correctional Center Jail Expansion Plans and Population Forecast Report](#) by Prison Policy Initiative – Presented by Wendy Sawyer, Research Director, Emmett Sanders, Policy and Advocacy Associate of the Prison Policy Initiative
- Discussion on Need for System Improvement within Correctional System
- VI. **(1:36:35)** Discussion on potential legislative efforts that would impact lifer community.
- Compassionate Release
 - i. Individuals who may be elderly or very sick that may be released out of the system due to the lack of risk to the community.
 - Second-Look Sentencing
 - i. Varies by state by state
 - ii. Prosecuting attorneys, judges or whomever the entity will look back at people who are sentenced 20 years before and try to determine if that was reasonable.
 - Good Time
 - i. Individuals who are incarcerated and behave very well in the facilities and doing programs, etc. may have time removed from their sentence.
 - These are things that can impact the population.
- VII. **(2:10:25)** [Overview of Oversight Coordinator Report](#)
- Death in custody
 - i. No reported deaths occurred for the month of June.
 - Tours
 - i. OCCC tour with DC Corrections Information Council (CIC)
 - Events attended
 - i. Reentry Simulation: Addressing Barriers to Life After Incarceration
 - ii. Nothing About Us Without Us
 - iii. Pathways to Meaningful Work Symposium: Expanding Education-to-Employment Opportunities for Justice-Impacted Individuals
 - Projects
 - i. Complaint Management
 - Published Reports
 - i. [Kauai Community Correctional Center \(KCCC\) Site Visit Observations](#)
 - Past meetings
 - i. June 26, 2025, monthly Commission meeting
- VIII. **(2:14:00)** Overview of the Maui Community Correctional Center Tour & Report
- No report and will moved to the next meeting.
- IX. **(2:14:40)** Public Comment
- Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Commission's agenda at the next meeting

X. **(2:20:20)** Announcements and Scheduling of the Next Meeting

- Next meeting Thursday, August 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
 - i. Windward Community College
45-720 Keaahala Road, Room: Hale A‘o 102
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
- Facility Visit: Hawaii State Hospital

XI. **(2:21:55)** Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission