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Meeting Minutes

The 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 24, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

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

Recording: [YouTube](https://youtu.be/3cjQhm3EA-A?si=EqYOQZpjKecQQK35)
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Items to be Discussed:

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Patterson at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025. The meeting was conducted in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.
- II. Roll Call (0:00:55)
The following members were present in-person or virtually:
 - **Chair Mark Patterson**
 - **Commissioner Ronald Ibarra**
 - **Commissioner Mike Town**

Quorum was established with three members present. Special Assistant George Choe was present at the physical meeting location, at Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building, 235 S. Beretania Street, Room 204, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Also present via Microsoft Teams was Oversight Coordinator Christin Johnson (later joined)

III. Discussion and vote on the necessity for holding a Limited Meeting at the Hawaii State Hospital on Thursday, August 14, 2025. **(0:01:20)**

- The first motion, I move to determine that it is necessary to hold a “limited meeting” at the Hawaii State Hospital, because the onsite inspection is necessary, and public attendance is impracticable due to it being a locked and secured facility. Also, public attendance is not allowed without an official reason due to facility specific policies and procedures.

1. First motion

- a. Moved by Commissioner Town
- b. Seconded by Commissioner Ibarra
- c. Motion passed

Discussion is opened by Commissioner Town followed by Commissioner Ibarra on the purpose of visiting the Hawaii State Hospital. People that may be initially housed at the detention facilities are under “our oversight jurisdictions and sent to the state hospital for examination, mental exams or fit to proceed and things like that, and some of them may be returned to the facilities which we have oversight on. And so certainly. I think we should go and look for ourselves, how they are being treated and what kind of resources they have there.”

- The second motion for the Hawaii State Hospital is that we waive the videotaping requirement because of confidentiality and privacy laws that are covered by federal and state regulations for those in the adult mental health hospital.

2. Second motion

- a. Moved by Commissioner Town
- b. Seconded by Commissioner Ibarra
- c. Motion passed

Discussion is opened by Chair Patterson noting the importance of confidentiality and keeping individuals who are incarcerated from being seen on camera, likewise with the patients and the staff. Also, there are HIPAA and various laws that cover medical issues which are confidential under many federal and state laws. We must abide by patient privacy interests as well as the staff. We want to be conscious of federal regulations and laws regarding this type of videotaping as well as policies and procedures of the department of health.

IV. Public Comment **(0:08:50)**

- Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Commission's agenda at the next meeting
 - i. Note that there was no presence of public members in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

V. Announcements and Scheduling of the Next Meeting **(0:09:30)**

- 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

VI. Adjournment **(0:09:50)**

- Meeting was adjourned by Chair Patterson at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Choe, Special Assistant to Oversight Coordinator
Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission