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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, August 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Windward Community College
45-720 Keaahala Road, Room: Hale A'ō 102
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

Recording: [YouTube](https://youtu.be/Bmngff_bK9g)
https://youtu.be/Bmngff_bK9g

Transcript: [Meeting Transcript](https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025.08.14-HCSOC-Transcript.pdf)
<https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025.08.14-HCSOC-Transcript.pdf>

Items to be Discussed:

I. (0:02:25) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Patterson at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2025. The meeting was conducted in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.

II. (0:02:55) Roll Call

- **Chair Mark Patterson**
- **Commissioner R. Mark Browning**
- **Commissioner Ronald Ibarra**
- **Commissioner Martha Torney**
- **Commissioner Mike Town**
- **Christin Johnson, Oversight Coordinator**

Quorum was established with all members present. Also present via Microsoft Teams was Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Candace Park. Special Assistant George Choe,

Reentry Oversight Specialist Kimmy Takata, was present at the physical meeting location.

III. (0:03:20) Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2025, and July 24, 2025

- Review of minutes by members. Motion by Chair Patterson to approve July 10, 2025, Open Session Meeting Minutes.
 - i. Motion moved by Commissioner Town and seconded by Commissioner Torney.
 - ii. Vote: Unanimous approval, motion passed, minutes approved.
- Chair Patterson addresses the flow to manage the meeting by having a discussion or presentation on the agenda item, then open the floor to public testimony on that agenda item only. After public testimony is closed, the Commission will hold their discussion. Also, reminder that public testimony is to be addressed to the commissioners and not the presenters and the request to keep testimonies to two minutes and what is being addressed at that time. Public testimony will be open at the end of the meeting to bring up issues at that time, not on the agenda.

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony: None
- Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- Commission: None

IV. (0:05:30) Monthly Update from Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Deputy Director of Administration Melanie Marting (Dep-A), designee for Director Tommy Johnson

- No current updates regarding OCCC or other facilities

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony: None
- Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- Commission: None

V. (0:06:35) 704 Process

Presentation from Dr. McBrearty, Clinical Psychologist, Hawaii State Hospital, covering an overview of the Hawaii Revised Statute § 704-404 legal process, which pertains to the examination of a criminal defendant's mental or physical condition when their fitness to proceed or responsibility for conduct is an issue in the case.

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony:
 - Community members engage with questions being asked.
 - Christina Jedra, Civil Beat reporter
 - Rachel L. Thompson, Deputy Public Defender
 - Henry P. Ting, Public Defender
 - Kim Coco Iwamoto, House Representative
 - Kat Brady, Community Alliance on Prisons (CAP)

- Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- Commission:
 - Commissioner Torney asks what the current census at the state hospital and what percentage are forensic cases versus other civil communities?
 - Commissioner Ibarra asks the question regarding what happens to the call participants or defendants before they come to the state hospital by court order? Also, how long did it take for the panel to examine them after the arrest and brought to court?

VI. (1:21:55) Overview of Oversight Coordinator Report

- Death in Custody
 - i. August 9, 2025 – will be reported officially in August Oversight Coordinator Report. The July Oversight Coordinator report was posted prior to death in custody.
- Events Attended
 - i. July 14, 2025 – Basic Corrections Recruit Class Graduation Ceremony
 - ii. July 15, 2025 – Dynamic Healing Center
 - iii. July 17, 2025 – Halawa Resource Fair
 - iv. July 30, 2025 – Dismas Charities Community Board Meeting
- Projects
 - i. Complaint Management System
- Past Meetings
 - i. July 10, 2025 – Monthly Commission Meeting
 - ii. July 24, 2025 – Meeting to Vote for Necessity of Limited Meeting at the Hawaii State Hospital
- Hiring Opportunities
 - i. Prison Oversight Specialist

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony: None
- Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- Commission:

VII. (1:27:15) Overview of the Maui Community Correctional Center Tour & Report

- Oversight Coordinator Christin Johnson provides information on the Commission's tour to the Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) on June 26, 2025.

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony: None
- Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- Commission:

VIII. (1:45:00) Public Comment

- Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Commission's agenda at the next meeting.
 - i. Andrea Hernandez, community member
 - ii. Kat Brady, Community Alliance on Prisons (CAP)
 - iii. Ronald Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho‘opakele
 - iv. Terina Fa’agau, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation
 - v. Toni Floerke, community member
 - vi. Rachel L. Thompson, Deputy Public Defender

IX. (2:04:40) Announcements and Scheduling of the Next Meeting

- Thursday, September 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
 - i. Facility Tour: Oahu Community Correctional Center
 - 1. This will be a limited meeting not open to the public for attendance
- Next meeting Thursday, September 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
 - i. Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building
235 S. Beretania Street, Room 204
Honolulu, HI 96813
 - ii. Facility Tour: Women’s Community Correctional Center
 - 1. This will be a limited meeting not open to the public for attendance

X. (2:05:50) Adjournment

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