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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, October 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

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

Recording: [YouTube](https://youtu.be/Sd6G-ph8Mzo?si=B-oajXPFW4-7MGaM)
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Transcript: [Meeting Transcript](https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2025.10.09-HCSOC-Transcript.pdf)
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Items to be Discussed:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Patterson at 9:09 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025. The meeting was conducted in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.

II. Roll Call

- **Chair Mark Patterson**
- **Commissioner R. Mark Browning** (joined virtually)
- **Commissioner Ronald Ibarra**
- **Commissioner Martha Torney**

- **Excused: Commissioner Mike Town, Oversight Coordinator Christin Johnson**

Quorum was established with four members present. Special Assistant George Choe, Reentry Oversight Specialist Kimmy Takata and Jail Oversight Specialist Alec Jamerson, were present at the physical meeting location.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2025.

- Review of minutes by members. Motion by Chair Patterson to approve September 11, 2025, Open Session Meeting Minutes.
 - i. Motion moved by Commissioner Torney and seconded by Commissioner Ibarra.
 - ii. Vote: Unanimous approval, motion passed, minutes approved.

IV. (0:00:18) Monthly Update from Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Directory Tommy Johnson provides updates

- No new updates for OCCC
 - i. Moving CTC to Lamaka furlough site and will rename
 - ii. Proposing to seek lower cost of OCCC construction
 - iii. Three-story structure design
 - iv. Joint parking for animal quarantine center and OCCC, but will have restricted parking for staff and judiciary for when hearings are held at facility. Will have a courtroom in new OCCC.
 - v. Community room for members of neighborhood boards can schedule to use that will be outside the secured facility and used as a multi-purpose room.
 - vi. Medical Record System, went into contract with Fusion and working on details with IT. Goal to roll out 2026 June – September.
 - Use of new tablets that would allow electronically file grievances, request for case management support, and programming on tablets.
 - Goal to have 1:1 for convicted felons for tablets.
 - Allow individual to have free access for one year after release to access work line history reports, certificates, etc.
 - vii. Offendertrak was awarded to CISCON and looking to roll out 2026
- Wellness events and job fairs
 - i. Maui job fair
 - November 5, 2025
 - 5:30p – 7:30p
 - ii. Reduced overall vacancy rate from 34% → 24%

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony: None
- Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- Commission:
 - i. Commissioner Torney opens discussion regarding enhanced use of tablets throughout the facilities and how to maintain confidential contact for offenders, lawyers, ombudsman, and/or commission.
 - Tommy to look into commissioner Torney's inquiry
 - ii. Commissioner Browning opens discussion regarding courtroom in the facility for hearings and have discussion been had with the judiciary.
 - Tommy responds that DCR met with members of the judiciary and retired Chief Justice Recktenwald and received basics regarding

space and what's needed. One courtroom to handle district and circuit court functions.

V. (0:09:55) Overview of Oversight Coordinator Report

- Deaths in Custody
 - i. September 2, 2025
 - ii. September 25, 2025
- Tours
 - i. Waikiki Health Center
 - ii. Hale Kipa
- Events Attended
 - i. Women's Community Correctional Center Ohana Family Day
- Reports
 - i. Women's Community Correctional Center Site Observations
 - ii. Oahu Community Correctional Center Site Observations
- Projects
 - i. Complaint Management
- Past Meetings
 - i. September 11, 2025, Monthly Commission Meeting

Public Testimony

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

VI. (0:12:40) Overview and Discussion of the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) Tour and Report

- Tommy provides update regarding agency nurses due to lack of funds and states it is partially true. He addresses that federal funds ran out on December 31, 2024, but DCR was able to encumber what was left over and had to expend it by March 31, 2025, which DCR did. Beginning October 1, 2025, and will be going into contract with locum nurses. Requesting Commission's support requesting 35 positions including nurses, psychiatrists, and APRN's based on staffing needs and expert recommendations.
 - i. 10 APRN's
 - ii. 8 Nurse III

Public Testimony

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

VII. (0:26:55) Overview and Discussion of the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) Tour and Report

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony:
 - i. Kat Brady speaks on sick calls at WCCC and will be supporting DCR's request for more positions.
 - ii. Della Au Belatti speaks about her visit to OCCC
- Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- Commission: None

VIII. (0:44:55) Update on Compassionate Release Efforts with Community Partners, the Hawaii Paroling Authority, and Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

- Hold for next meeting

Public Testimony

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

IX. (0:47:20) Public Comment

- Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Commission's agenda at the next meeting.

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony: Criteria about interstate compact
- Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- Commission: None

X. (0:49:25) Announcements and Scheduling of the Next Meeting

- Thursday, November 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
 - i. Facility Tour: Kulani Correctional Facility

XI. (0:50:00) Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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