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HON. RONALD IBARRA (ret.)

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HON. MICHAEL A. TOWN (ret.)

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**  
**E HUIKALA A MA'EMA'E NŌ**  
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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, February 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

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

Recording: [YouTube](https://youtu.be/zWPtfflw6as?si=RiH7V8ac38W5hJHx)  
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Transcript: Meeting Transcript

### Items to be Discussed:

- I. **(0:02:20) Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Patterson on Thursday, February 12, 2026. The meeting was conducted in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.
- II. **(0:02:30) Roll Call**
  - **Chair Mark Patterson**
  - **Commissioner R. Mark Browning**
  - **Commissioner Martha Torney**
  - **Commissioner Mike Town**
  - **Commissioner Ronald Ibarra**

Quorum was established with all members present. Also present in person is Oversight Coordinator Christin Johnson and Special Assistant George Choe.

- III. (0:02:55) Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2026.**
- Review of minutes by members. Motion by Chair Patterson to approve January 8, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes.
    - i. Motion moved by Commissioner Browning and seconded by Commissioner Ibarra.
    - ii. Vote: Unanimous approval, motion passed, minutes approved.
- IV. (0:03:25) Monthly Update from Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation**  
Director Tommy Johnson
- No updates to OCCC project but looking at changes to mail processes and procedure due to drugs.
  - DCR is looking into making copies of the mail and providing the copy to the recipient, then destroying the original.
  - They are still doing research on the legalities of how it would work.
  - To address assaults and suicides and looking into biotype anklets that will monitor heart rate, pulse increases and respiration. Would pilot and place on higher risk population based on assessment.
  - Legislative bills introduced with the governor's package.
- V. (0:11:45) Overview of Commission's Legislative Priorities**
- [HCSOC's 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Priorities](https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/33rd-legislative-priorities)  
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- VI. (0:13:55) Overview of Oversight Coordinator Report**
- [Deaths in Custody](#)
    - i. December 30, 2025
    - ii. January 24, 2026
    - iii. January 26, 2026
  - Events Attended
    - i. January 13, 2026 – Restrictive Housing Working Group Meeting
    - ii. January 16, 2026 – Waiawa Correctional Facility – InsideOut Dad/7 Habits on the Inside
    - iii. January 26, 2026 – Women's Community Correctional Center – Makahiki Season of Peace
    - iv. January 29, 2026 – House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee Information Briefing: Hawaii's Pretrial System
    - v. January 30, 2026 – Women's Community Correctional Center – Mental Health Technician Graduation
  - Projects
    - i. Complaint Management
  - Past Meeting
    - i. January 8, 2026 – Monthly Commission Meeting

VII. **(0:34:50) Vote on the necessity for holding a Limited Meeting at the following correctional facilities for this year:**

- The first motion, I move to determine that it is necessary to hold a “limited meeting” at the \_\_\_\_\_, 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.
- The second motion for \_\_\_\_\_, I move that we waive the videotaping requirement because of privacy issues for the people incarcerated in the facility and for those who may be under jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
- **(0:00:00)**     Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC)
  1. First Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Torney
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
  2. Second Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Torney
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
- **(0:37:05)**     Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC)
  1. First Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Browning
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Torney
    - c. Motion passed
  2. Second Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Browning
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Torney
    - c. Motion passed
- **(0:00:00)**     Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC)
  1. First Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Ibarra
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
  2. Second Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Ibarra
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
- **(0:00:00)**     Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC)
  1. First Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Browning
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Ibarra
    - c. Motion passed

- 2. Second Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Browning
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Ibarra
    - c. Motion passed
- **(0:00:00)** Women’s Community Correctional Center (WCCC)
  - 1. First Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Torney
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
  - 2. Second Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Torney
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
- **(0:00:00)** Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF)
  - 1. First Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Torney
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
  - 2. Second Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Torney
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
- **(0:00:00)** Kulani Correctional Facility (KCF)
  - 1. First Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Ibarra
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
  - 2. Second Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Ibarra
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
- **(0:00:00)** Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF)
  - 1. First Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Torney
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner Browning
    - c. Motion passed
  - 2. Second Motion
    - a. Moved by Commissioner Torney
    - b. Seconded by Commissioner
    - c. Motion passed Browning

**VIII. (0:34:05) Public Comment**

- Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Commission's agenda at the next meeting.
  - i. No public testimony

- IX. Announcements and Scheduling of the Next Meeting
- Thursday, March 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
  - Facility Tour: None

- X. Adjournment
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**Respectfully submitted,**  
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