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HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
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Meeting Minutes

The monthly Hawai'i 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, May 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hawai'i Community College
1175 Manono Street, Room: 388-101
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Recording: [YouTube](https://youtu.be/7Tc5c8Y0ZxA?si=jKOT9KMsRsg5iO1t)
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Transcript: [Meeting Transcript](#)

Items to be Discussed:

I. (0:00:30) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Patterson on Thursday, May 14, 2026. The meeting was conducted in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.

II. (0:00:45) Roll Call

- **Chair Mark Patterson (virtual)**
- **Commissioner R. Mark Browning (virtual)**
- **Commissioner Martha Torney (virtual)**
- **Commissioner Mike Town (virtual)**
- **Commissioner Ronald Ibarra**

Quorum was established with all members present. Also present in person is Special Assistant George Choe.

Chair Patterson asks for a motion to move agenda item IV to IX.

- i. Motion moved by Commissioner Torney and seconded by Commissioner Browning.

- ii. Vote: Unanimous approval, motion passed.

III. (0:02:05) Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2026

- Review of minutes by members. Motion by Chair Patterson to approve April 17, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Torney notes that a change needs to be made noting that Commissioner Ibarra attended the meeting virtually, but in fact was present in person.
 - ii. Motion moved by Commissioner Town and seconded by Commissioner Browning.
 - iii. Vote: Unanimous approval, motion carried, minutes approved.

~~**IV. Monthly Update from Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Director Tommy Johnson**~~

V. (0:03:20) Vote on the adoption of the [Oversight Coordinator's Parental Leave Transition Plan](#)

- Review of the transition plan while the Oversight Coordinator is on maternity leave.
- Commissioner Torney states her term ends on June 30, 2026. The House Speaker has agreed to keep Commissioner Torney on the commission as a holdover for the implementation of this plan and will plan to step down on September 30, 2026.
 - i. Motion moved by Commissioner Torney and seconded by Commissioner Ibarra.
 - ii. Vote: Unanimous approval, motion carried.

VI. (0:06:55) Overview of Commission's Legislative Priorities

- Commissioner Torney shares what the Commission has testified on and will request DCR's budget request for funding.
- [HB1516](#) – Relating to Pretrial Release
 - i. Passed as CD1 but died on the senate floor.
- [HB2413](#) – Relating to Pretrial Reform
 - i. Also died on the senate floor
- [HB1628](#) – Relating to Compassionate Release
 - i. Did not pass conference and died
- [SB2688](#) – Relating to Compassionate Release
 - i. Died and did not assign conferees
- [HB1518](#) – Relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 - i. Passed
- [HB2044](#) – Relating to Offender Reentry
 - i. Never referred to the senate
- [HB2356](#) – Relating to Offender Reentry
 - i. Never referred to the senate
- [HB1769](#) – Relating to Correctional Facilities
 - i. House did not assign conferees
- [SB2030](#) – Relating to Corrections

- i. House did not assign conferees
- [SB2862](#) - Relating to Gubernatorial Appointments
 - i. Died in the senate and would have affected the Oversight Coordinator's position.
- [SCR89](#) – Requesting the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to establish an advisory committee to develop recommendations on the implementation of alternative models for rehabilitation and restorative justice on O'ahu.
 - i. Adopted by Senate and House
- Oral Testimony by public made
 - i. Commissioner Torney speaks on public's comment.
 - ii. Public member Kat Brady speaks.
 - iii. Chair Patterson speaks on public's comment.

VII. (0:16:45) [Overview of Oversight Coordinator Report](#)

- Deaths in Custody
 - i. April 8, 2026
- Tours
 - i. Tour of KCCC with Kaua'i's Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
- Events Attended
 - i. 17th Annual Parole Completion Celebration
- Complaints Received by the Commission
- Findings on Lack of Movement Throughout the Prison System
- Past Meetings
- Oral Testimony – Public member comments on Oversight Coordinator report regarding death at Saguaro.
- Chair Patterson speaks in response to public comment.

VIII. (0:27:25) [Overview and Discussion of the Kauai Community Correctional Center \(KCCC\) Visit and Report](#)

IX. (0:40:20) Monthly Update from Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Director Tommy Johnson

- DCR awarded JAG grant of \$156,000+ for an initiative with their intake service center to develop a pre-trial assessment instrument.
- Working with facilities regarding Makahiki ceremonies at prison facilities.
 - i. Commissioner Torney inquires about settlement agreement that DCR Director mentions.
- OCCC updates:
 - i. Remove the CTC from the old OCCC site
 - ii. Will provide first update in a forum in July as requested in the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

X. (1:07:15) Public Comment

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

XI. (1:20:25) Announcements and Scheduling of the Next Meeting

- Thursday, June ~~11~~, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
 - i. Rescheduling to Thursday, June 18, 2026, because June 11th is a State holiday.
- Facility Tour: Maui Community Correctional Center

XII. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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