



STATE OF HAWAII
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, July 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

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

Recording: [YouTube](https://youtu.be/e5UvPl3ovDg?si=3sF1nCcG-U_96P8F4)
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Transcript: [Meeting Transcript](#)

Items to be Discussed:

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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

Quorum was established with all members present. Also present in person is Jail Oversight Specialist Alec Jamerson and Special Assistant George Choe.

III. (0:06:15) Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2026

- Review of minutes by members. Motion by Chair Patterson to approve June 18, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes
 - i. Vote: Unanimous approval, motion carried, minutes approved.

IV. (0:06:30) Monthly Update from Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Director Tommy Johnson

- Makahiki opening and closing ceremonies to be held this year at:
 - i. Waiawa, Halawa, Kulani, Women's Community Correctional Center, and Saguaro in Arizona
 - ii. Working with Dr. Miller, Ohana Ho'opakele and another Hawaiian group to bring Makahiki to the prisons
- Compassionate Release bill did not pass
 - i. [Senate Bill 2688](#)
 - ii. [House Bill 1628](#)
- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) awarded DCR \$159,420 for intake service center and mental health and justice systems project.
 - i. Three year project to develop interview screening instruments using existing administrative data to be able to provide courts with information at the initial arraignment.
 - ii. Provide accurate information in a timely manner to the courts as much as possible.
- Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) Project Update
 - i. Request \$130M from the legislature to raise and rebuild Laumaka work furlough center.
 - 1. Rename the facility to the Reentry and Reintegration Center to get away from "work furlough."
 - 2. Increase capacity to 240 beds.
 - 3. Combine Oahu intake service center to do community supervision and work furlough from one site/location.
 - 4. Increase electronic monitoring capabilities than current system and looking at more active than passive system. Alerts are received 24/7 than current system.
 - ii. Request \$18M to raise and prep the special needs facility site.
 - 1. Water and sewer infrastructure is currently there
 - 2. Mainland inmates return will be placed at this facility if funding is approved by legislature.
 - iii. Reducing bed space capacity between 700 – 800 beds with leasing bed space at the FDC as needed. Will reduce size and cost of the facility.
 - 1. Animal quarantine station still has to move because the current Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) reflects it being demolished and already moved.
- Budget request
 - i. Year 1
 - 1. \$130M for Laumaka
 - 2. \$18M for special needs facility
 - 3. Regular CIP request for repair and maintenance
 - ii. Year 2
 - 1. \$287M as seed money for the new OCCC

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony:
 - Kerensa Higa
 - Kalehau
- Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- Commission:
 - Commissioner Torney asked Director about classification system and the pilot program currently.
 - Commissioner Torney discusses restrictive housing law that is in Hawaii Revised Statutes §353-41, effective July 1, 2026, and the Commission's role.
 - Chair Patterson speaks on restrictive housing and mainland moves.
 1. Another mainland facility is to be used outside of Arizona that can meet mental health needs.

V. (0:34:00) Overview of Oversight Coordinator Report

- Deaths in Custody
 - i. May 30, 2026
 - ii. June 28, 2026
- Tours
 - i. No tours scheduled
- Events Attended
 - i. NACOLE Quarterly Investigator Forum
 - ii. NACOLE Jail and Prison Oversight Quarterly Forum
 - iii. NACOLE Webinar "Reading the Death Record — Autopsy Reports, Toxicology, and Medical Records in Law Enforcement-Related or Custodial Death"
- Complaints Received by the Commission
- Findings on Lack of Movement Throughout the Prison System
- Past Meetings

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony:
 - Ronald Fujiyoshi from Ohana Ho'opakele
- Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- Commission:
 - Prison Oversight Specialist is to look at the concern's of the contract monitor at Saguaro.

VI. (0:39:50) Overview of the Maui Community Correctional Center Visit & Report

Public Testimony

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

- Commission: None

VII. (0:56:10) Public Comment

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

VIII. (1:15:55) Announcements and Scheduling of the Next Meeting

- Thursday, August 13, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
- Facility Tour: Hawaii Community Correctional Center – Date to be determined

IX. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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