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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, October 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

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

Recording: YouTube

Transcript: N/A

Items to be Discussed:

I. **(0:01:55)** Call to Order

II. **(0:01:58)** Roll Call
- **Chair Mark Patterson**
- **Commissioner R. Mark Browning (virtual)**
- **Commissioner Ronald Ibarra**
- **Commissioner Martha Torney**
- **Commissioner Mike Town (virtual)**

Quorum established with all members present. Also present in person are Oversight Coordinator Christin Johnson, Jail Oversight Specialist Alec Jamerson, and Special Assistant George Choe.

III. **(0:02:15)** Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2026
- Review of minutes by members. Motion by Chair Patterson to approve September 9, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes.
    i. Motion moved by Commissioner Torney and seconded by Commissioner Town.
    ii. Vote: Unanimous approval, motion passed, minutes approve

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IV. **(0:03:55)** Welcoming New Commissioner – Dawn Clemente

Public Testimony
- Oral Testimony: None
- Written Testimony: None
- Commission: None

V. **(0:07:40)** Monthly Update from Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Director Tommy Johnson
- Update regarding DCR and Core Civic's implementation of the Restrictive Housing mandate that took effect on July 1, 2026
- Update regarding the implementation of the new classification system

Public Testimony
- Oral Testimony: None
- Written Testimony: None
- Commission: None

VI. **(0:17:00)** Submission of Request for Legal Opinion on Access to CoreCivic Policies
- September 4, 2026, submitted a request for legal opinion to the Department of the Attorney General regarding the Hawaii population at Saguaro and CoreCivic's policies.
- DCR has not provided policies as requested by HCSOC and states it is proprietary information and will not provide that information without the legal opinion from the Department of the Attorney General.

Public Testimony
- Oral Testimony: None
- Written Testimony: None
- Commission:
    - Commissioner Browning
    - Commissioner Ibarra
    - Chair Patterson

VII. **(0:31:20)** Update on the Commission's Legislative Priorities
- Budget request submitted on behalf of Commission
    i. $1,625,474 requesting
        1. 11 new staff members
            a. 1 – Deputy Oversight Coordinator
            b. 1 – Complaint Intake Specialist
            c. 1 – Public Information Officer
            d. 3 – Prison Oversight Specialists
            e. 2 – Jail Oversight Specialists
            f. 2 – Priority One Investigators
            g. 1 – Research and Policy Associate

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2. Equipment expenses
3. Lease payments
4. Interisland Travel
5. Mainland Travel
6. Memberships
7. Conferences
8. Office operational expenses

- Two bills submitted on behalf of Commission including compassionate release and amendments to HRS 353L.

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony:
  - Rep. Belatti as Public Safety committee chair holding informational briefing on October 22nd re: compassionate release.
  - Saguaro correctional center concerns
  - Work furlough issues
- Written Testimony: None
- Commission: None

VIII. **(0:52:10)** Overview of Oversight Coordinator Report

- Deaths in Custody
  i. September 19, 2026
- Events Attended
  i. Presentation to the State LGBTQ+ Commission
  ii. Circuit Court Jail Diversion Program Graduation
  iii. 2026 NACOLE Quarterly Jail & Prison Oversight Forum
  iv. Senate Concurrent Resolution 89 Advisory Committee
- Complaints Received by the Commission
- Findings on Lack of Movement Throughout the Prison System
- Past Meetings

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony: None
- Written Testimony: None
- Commission: None

IX. **(1:04:40)** Overview and Discussion of the Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC) Visit and Report

X. **(1:21:50)** Overview and Discussion of the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) Visit and Report

Public Testimony

- Oral Testimony: None
- Written Testimony: None
- Commission: Commissioners speak on facilities

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

XII. Announcements and Scheduling of the Next Meeting
- Thursday, November 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
    i. Commission Meeting
    ii. Facility Visit: ~~Kulani Correctional Facility~~ (rescheduled)

XIII. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
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