

**Tennessee Community Resource Board  
Riverbend Maximum Security Institution, Nashville  
April 26, 2024**

**TCRB Representatives:**

J.R. Davis, Chairman / Middle TN Representative	(P)
Vinessa Brown, Vice Chairman / West TN Representative	(A)
RaeAnne Hance, Secretary / East TN Representative	(P)
James Booth, Member / Middle TN Representative	(Z)
Joan Evrist, Member / Middle TN Representative	(P)
Tom Hallquist, Member / Middle TN Representative	(P)
Robert Sherrill, Member / Middle TN Representative	(A)
Mario Allen, Member / West TN Representative	(Z)
Paul Hensley, Member / West TN Representative	(P)
Rev. Michael Rickenbaker, Member / West TN Representative	(A)
Eric Anderson, Member / East TN Representative	(A)
Tory Campbell, Member / East TN Representative	(A)
Lindsay Holloway, Member / East TN Representative	(Z)
Genevieve Turner, Member / East TN Representative	(Z)

**TDOC Representative:**

David Dodson, Director of Religious and Volunteer Services

**Guests:**

Christie McLean, God Behind Bars

Jordan Davis, Returning Citizens Committee

**Call To Order** (9:26 a.m.) – J.R. Davis

**Devotion & Prayer** – David Dodson

Psalm 133, How good it is to honor and comfort one another. Unity brings blessings.

**Meeting Minutes** - Meeting Minutes Approved for February 26, 2024

**Welcome & Introductions** – J.R. Davis

Discussed Board Protocol:

- Bi-laws state after missing 3 meetings, TCRB has opportunity to vote off.
- Stressed importance of attendance. Prefers in-person attendance.
- TCRB meetings are open meetings. Guests can ask questions, but not participate in meeting discussions.

Volunteer vs. Mentor Discussion

- As a mentor you can talk to inmate and family members.
- As a volunteer, you cannot have communication, outside of program, to inmate and family members.
- Cannot be mentor and volunteer at same time.
- Letter to be written by Genevieve Turner to TDOC asking for clarification and reasoning of policy.

## Regional Reports

- West – Paul Hensley
  - Hearing people are saying, “Why do we need faith in corrections?”
  - We are the only hope they have. You cannot have enough programs.
  - Decide. Are we going to be board or not? Need to be active.
- West – Mario Allen
  - Mr. Allen welcomed Mr. Kirkwood.
  - Chaplains being challenged.
  - Meeting with local boards on how to keep them motivated.
  - We have to make up minds to go into trench.
- Middle – Joan Evrist
  - Changes with new Warden. Him and AWT attending meetings. Feels building a relationship.
- Middle – JR Davis
  - LCRB very supportive with Wardens.
  - Running into problems with room for programs. No Easter service, everyone was turned away.
- East – Raeanne Hance
  - New Warden getting settled at Morgan CI. Phillips is back.
  - Described monthly birthday celebration done for Morgan CI DOC staff.
- East – Genevieve Turner
  - All going well. New leadership settling in.
- East – Lindsay Holloway
  - This is Living approved and going in.

## Old Business – J.R. Davis

- Tom Hallquist - Facebook page
  - Start a new page. Need for advertising. Who will do this?
- Raeanne Hance - Person-Centered Language
  - Will be meeting next Thursday with AWEC. Will have more information at next TCRB meeting.
- Jordan Davis- Returned Citizen’s Committee
  - Made up of men and women who can go back in and talk to individuals who are being released.
  - Are we getting on board with this?
- Vinessa Brown - Non-Profit Status
  - J.R. Davis stated Ms. Brown is halfway through process.
- Tom Hallquist - Regional Conference Review
  - JR Davis - We are already in June. Are we doing regional conferences? If so, we need to get going
  - Tom Hallquist - We are blessed. How do get faith in prison system?
    - Meeting monthly to discuss. How do we help TN organizations achieve greater success?

- Faith based curriculum. Develop purpose and values. Who am I? Where am I going?
- Take responsibility for actions.
- We need to get this into prisons to the individuals who struggle with reading, etc.
- Curriculum for correction staff is needed to teach them to lead and help.
- How do we fund this? Concerts (big name) outside prison to fundraise. Money for travel expenses, curriculum at organizations like This is Living, etc.
- Ron Miller wants to be able to go to every organization and offer services.
- Concept is growing. We can make this happen.
- Make a library of resources.

Questions concerning these ideas:

Does TCRB get involved? Ministries are doing this.

What is the task coming to this board?

## **New Business – J.R. Davis**

What is purpose of TCRB?

We have opportunity to get involved with organizations and volunteers. We are a resource for them.

## **Volunteer Appeals**

Stacy Hayes

- First offence, ex-police officer and works in county jail, long-time volunteer.
- Suspended July of 2023 terminated March of 2024.
- Board agreed suspension was necessary; however, termination extreme.
- Recommend time served, re-training, and reinstate as volunteer.
- JR Davis called vote: unanimous for all in-person and zoom, 9 votes
- Genevieve Turner will write letter.

Maurice Guinn

- Terminated from MCCX and all TN facilities March of 2024 for being on approved call list of an incarcerated individual. Volunteer since 2019. Board member of Focus Ministries.
- States he was unaware of TDOC policy for no contact.
- We must be conscious of what we are doing. Police ourselves and make sure we are complying.
- It is very clear in training, no communication. He has had many trainings/re-trainings.
- No proof of inappropriate conversation; however, it is policy no contact.
- He is not a registered mentor, but a volunteer.
- Excuse of not knowing policy, is not acceptable. This is specifically in training.
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## **Round Table**

Joan Evrist

- Discussed conference impact, especially the theme of trauma.
- Board of Parole – retrying cases, this is not their job. Inmates have done what was required.
  - What can we do? LCRB agrees and will get behind.

JR Davis

- We are a legislative body. We need to get in there and get answers.

Raeanne Hance

- It is time to lobby. Question rules for volunteers. Need definition for mentor/volunteer.
- Focus on resources and make changes.

Jordan Davis

- Who writes TDOC policy?
  - Genevieve Turner - Internal, several departments

Genevieve Turner

- Spoke with Board of Parole. They came back saying “severity of defense” not used often.

Lindsay Holloway

- Three strike rule needs to be changed. Changing people that go back home and changing lives is what is going to stop violence. Not keeping in prison.

**Meeting Adjourned** (1:02 p.m.) – J.R. Davis

**Next Meeting:** Friday, July 19, 9:00 a.m. – Location is TBD

**Meeting Dates for 2024:**      July 19                      October 25                      December 6

Submitted by:

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Raeanne Hance, Secretary  
Tennessee Community Resource Board

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Date