

Tennessee Community Resource Board
Riverbend Maximum Security Institution, Nashville
June 27, 2025

Call to order: Jr Davis (9:15)

Welcome & intro - JR Davis

TCRB Representatives:

J.R. Davis, Chairman / Middle TN Representative (P)
Vinessa Brown, Vice Chairman / West TN Representative (A)
Raeanne Hance, Secretary / East TN Representative (A)
Joan Evrist, Member / Middle TN Representative (P)
Tom Hallquist, Member / Middle TN Representative (A)
Robert Sherrill, Member / Middle TN Representative (P)
Mario Allen, Member / West TN Representative (A)
Paul Hensley, Member / West TN Representative (P)
James Kirkwood, Member / West TN Representative (A)
Rev. Michael Rickenbaker, Member / West TN Representative (A)
Tory Campbell, Member / East TN Representative (A)
Lindsay Holloway, Member / East TN Representative (P)
Genevieve Turner, Member / East TN Representative (P)
Robert Frazier, Member / East Tn Rep (P)
Senator Kerry Roberts, (P)

TDOC Reps:

Patrick Darnell, Director of Religious and Volunteer Services
Armon Newsome – intern for Religious and Volunteer Services
Gail Finkle, Assistant Commissioner
Jerry Schrick - Chaplain RMSI
Michael Keys - Associate Warden RMSI
Christopher Campisi - Major RMSI
Victoria Ricci - Director of Reentry

Guests:

Heather Hancock - This is Living Ministries
Amy Roberts - This is Living Ministries
Steve England – volunteer appeal
Jordan Davis - returned citizen committee
Adrian Gregory - returned citizen committee

Words of Wisdom- Paul

- John 16: Go and bear fruit
- The earmark of a successful leader is to train a successor. Joshua did not train a successor, focused on conquest. Without a leader they plunged into adultery for 400 years.
- We should bear fruit even in old age.

New Business:

1. AC Finkle – update from their office
 - a. Tablets have rolled out to all the states. All education programs are free! 2 education programs with 1000s of programs. 34% is religious content. 30% academic. 5% reentry. 3 prisons left (CCA). 700,008 program completions. 95,000 certificates received. Tablets do not replace in person education, supplements content We can push flyers/ marketing campaigns for the programs and events. Video visitations – ViaPath phone network (they will be monitored & scanned). Phone calls will be recorded. Mail is now being shipped to a processing facility then scan it and send to their tablets. (try out is beginning August 1st for females).
 - b. Offender management system – huge data migration by December 2025
 - c. Citizen’s academy – September, 7 weeks – sign up with Dr. Carter
 - d. New warden at NW – should be easier to get into this prison now
 - e. Volunteer Mentor Initiative – We need volunteers – ready to launch
2. Update from Office: Director Darnell
 - a. Volunteers/ program barriers removed – volunteers’ hours have gone up by 50%
 - b. Backlog for volunteer applications has been taken care of. They have contacted every person. Shantae is holding more training sessions than we have ever done! The number of active volunteers has majorly increased.
 - c. We are down a few chaplains across the state – Please let me know if you have people to suggest for the roles.
3. Review new standards: Genevieve Turner
 - a. JR needs to receive all of our board’s agenda items before the board meeting. We have to have an agenda to Darnell at least 72 hours ahead of the meeting.
 - b. Minutes need to be out to board within a week by the secretary. Then sent immediately to Dr. Darnell after board approval.
4. December and March minutes approved by the entire board and to be released to Director Darnell for posting online.
5. Paul Hensley: Ops Plan
 - a. The more information you give the quicker you will be approved. Need ops plans at least 60 days ahead of time to AWT.

6. Volunteer Appeals
 - a. Steve England - board recommended 1 year suspension followed by complete recertification including the new in-person and online training process. Board will send a letter of the board's recommendation to the Commissioner.
 - b. Anlya Wiley - recommended complete permanent termination

7. Career Readiness Days – Riverbend and BCCX: Lindsay Holloway
 - a. Discussed the career readiness program and how great the response has been from the residents as well as the reentry counselors. The residents said they really enjoyed hearing from the returned citizens and the opportunity to practice mock interviews.

8. Regional Reports
 - a. Paul and West report on the success of GED programs and the increased number of certifications earned across the state.
 - b. Director Darnell provides an update on the state's education initiatives and the progress towards meeting goals.
 - c. Robert Sherrill and others discuss the challenges and successes of their programs in various prisons.
 - d. The board acknowledges the efforts of chaplains and volunteers in maintaining high standards and supporting inmates.
 - e. Director Darnell shares updates from Tom, including his recent trip to Florida and meetings with the Jack Brewer Foundation. Tom discusses plans to simplify reporting of returning citizens for employment and construction industry opportunities.

Old Business:

No discussion

Future Plans & updates Discussion:

- JR Davis suggests implementing regular communication with volunteers to prevent future violations and improve accountability.
- The board agrees to explore ways to improve communication and support for volunteers, ensuring they are well-informed and compliant with policies.

Next Meeting: September 26 (9 AM- 12 PM)

Meeting adjourned (12:00 PM) - J.R. Davis