

Tennessee Community Resource Board  
Riverbend  
January 23, 2026

**Call to order:** Joan Evrist (9:07 am)

**Welcome & intro** - Joan Evrist:

Introducing the newly elected executive board with a new role of public information officer. .

**TCRB Representatives:**

Joan Evrist, Chairman/ Middle TN (P)  
Paul Hensley, Vice-Chair/ West TN (P)  
Tory Campbell, Treasurer/ East TN (P)  
Lindsay Holloway, Secretary/ East TN (P)  
Raeanne Hance, Public Information Officer/ East TN (P/online)  
J.R. Davis, Member / Middle TN (P)  
Tom Hallquist, Member / Middle TN (P)  
Eddie Cooper, Member / Middle TN (P)  
Mario Allen, Member / West TN (P/ online)  
James Kirkwood, Member / West TN (P/ online)  
Rev. Michael Rickenbaker, Member / West TN (A)  
Genevieve Turner, Member / East TN (P)  
Robert Frazier, Member / East TN (P)  
Senator Kerry Roberts (A)

**TDOC Reps:**

Patrick Darnell, Director of Religious and Volunteer Services  
Warden Nelson

**Guests:**

Jordan Davis - returned citizen committee  
Tom Snow - TPOM  
Bonni S. Skipworth

**Words of Wisdom-** Paul Hensley

The prodigal son wasted his inheritance on wild living, leading to a job feeding pigs. He comes to himself and decides to go home where the father was waiting for him. Like we experience restoration of those we serve, the hog country changes them. Thinking processes, body, and addictions are picked up. They cannot fit into the roles many want them to. Everything has to be restored. The prodigal had to return to work under his brother. He had to submit to the older brother. This would be a huge change from living the old life as he wanted. He probably had a real war within him. Reintegration is a hard process. Time and experience has taught us it is an

uphill battle. Caution should be used by those who are helping those reintegrating into society. You who are spiritually should restore

### **New Business:**

1. Approval of November minutes - motion: Joan Evrist second: Tom Hallquist
2. Board Nomination Discussion:
  - a. West or middle - Tom Snow - introduced by Tom Hallquist, impressed with what he is doing to restore. Founded in 1963. TPOM has homes in Nashville for women and men, and homes in Memphis. Services in a number of prisons teaching classes and mentoring. In the process of restarting the Best Program. Helping incarcerated children. Also a summer camp to help children with incarcerated parents.
  - b. Middle - Bonnie Skipworth - introduced by Joan. Bonnie is the chairman for the DJRC community resource board. She has great favor in the TDOC community. She does great work. Bible teacher, taught at Nashville State and Trevecca. Bonnie is still employed with the metro police department, which led to her working in prison ministry and colleges. Volunteer chaplain at DJRC, volunteered there for 25 years. Created a local church program to continue encouragement.
  - c. Middle- Trey Gupton - introduced by Lindsay. Shared work on the Governor's Justice-Impacted Advisory Council.
3. Jordan Davis Returned Citizens Committee Report
  - a. Biggest impact is speaking to pre-release, still pursuing more prisons
  - b. Need more returned citizens to represent the east and west - send people to Jordan if they are interested.
4. Dr. Tom Hallquist - Reentry
  - a. Dr. Hallquist presented on the necessity for faith-based programs within the facilities that begin the first day of entry. Dr. Hallquist emphasized the strategic benefit of community colleges in these efforts with a particular emphasis on the trades and offender skilling and economic mobility.
  - b. As presented, Dr. Hallquist exhorts the need for connections between colleges, reentry, and employers.
  - c. Dr. Hallquist emphasized the importance of inmates in being involved in the development of these processes and programs, naming "tiny homes" as one example. In addition, Dr. Hallquist emphasized the importance of varied partnerships in these efforts across the community in this holistic restorative effort.
  - d. Would like to develop a pod with peer-led mentorship - we could create a committee to develop the program to present to commissioner
  - e. Director Darnell stated he is familiar with the Florida version of this program. He would be supportive of that initiative if following that model and policies.

Riverbend Warden Nelson said we could use program pod 6 and pilot the program here. He suggests presenting to Director Darnell for recommendations. Darnell suggested we get with Geno for logistics. Rob Frazier suggested this be our development opportunity to have a pipeline for creating presentations.

- f. JR made a motion to create a committee for faith and character pods - Genevieve seconded. Genevieve Turner, Tom Hallquist, and Raeanne Hance on committee. They will start compiling committee members.
5. Director Darnell
    - a. Last year, we reduced the wait time and number of people waiting by 90%
    - b. When they started 18 months ago 27,000 hours to 92,106 volunteer hours. Highest on record in TN.
    - c. Launching self-passed PREA training by end of quarter.
    - d. VMI launched - we are now in our 3rd facility (Riverbend). 148 approved mentors.
    - e. 700 new volunteers last year
    - f. We could use faith and prayer in need of chaplains in 5 facilities.
    - g. Big events - please send an annual calendar as soon as possible. At least a 60 day notice so opps plans can be coordinated by chaplains.
  6. Tom Hallquist announced in a meeting that he is resigning.
  7. Genevieve - Review of By-laws
    - a. We will need a new address to list on the by-laws.
    - b. Need to add to Article IV - appeal process
    - c. Add permanent committee of Returned Citizens
    - d. Suggestion of board to set time limits on speakers/ guests/ etc.
    - e. Suggestion to look into sunset and how to make public if hybrid meeting
    - f. Lindsay made a motion to have committee review by-laws, send suggestions to board, board review and vote by email. 2nd Troy, board in agreement
  8. Board member vote:
    - a. Motion from Paul to Table board vote on members, 2nd Tory - board agreed.
  11. Regional Reports (Ran out of time)
    - **West:**
    - **Middle:**
    - **East:**

**Old Business:** n/a

**Round Table:** n/a

**Next Meeting:** April 24th, 2026, Riverbend

Motion to adjourn: Joan

Second to adjourn: Rob

**Meeting adjourned** ( 12:23 pm)

Submitted by:

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Lindsay Holloway, Secretary  
Tennessee Community Resource Board

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Date