

**Tennessee Community Resource Board
Brook Hollow Church, Nashville
October 25, 2024**

TCRB Representatives:

J.R. Davis, Chairman / Middle TN Representative	(P)
Vinessa Brown, Vice Chairman / West TN Representative	(P)
Raeanne Hance, Secretary / East TN Representative	(P)
James Booth, Member / Middle TN Representative	(P)
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	(P)
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)

TDOD Representative:

Patrick Darnell, Director
Sarah Rapp, TDOD Re-Entry

Guests:

Christie McLean, God Behind Bars

Call To Order (9:04 a.m.) – J.R. Davis

Welcome & Introductions – J.R. Davis

Devotion & Prayer – Paul Hensley

We need wisdom. We operate outside our expertise. Two types of wisdom: earthly and wisdom from above.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. James 1:5-6

Patrick Darnell, Director of Religious and Volunteer Services, TDOD

A lot of work ahead. Looking forward to moving forward working with everyone.

What do we need to put into place as a board?

TCRB must be open to public. Public must be able to attend via Zoom.

Meetings information must be posted seven days in advance with agenda.

Director will post minutes, recordings, etc.

TCRB meetings must have physical quorum. Zoom attendees do not count as present.

Do the two seats held by state officials count towards quorum?

Will see if he can get meetings back at Riverbend in muster room.

Distributed hard copy of expense report. Will send digital copy.

Discussion on TCRB meeting attendance

Public can attend, but not participate. Member can have excused absence if advance notice given.

JR Davis - zoom is not reliable for board members. Prefers members be in person.

Even though public may attend via zoom, it was decided all members must physically attend.

Sunset Hearing – By-Law Review - Genevieve Turner

Went through Sunset Public Hearing Questions and updated. Genevieve to send copy of updated answers to board members. If there is something the board wants to change in the bylaws, it will be discussed next meeting. Director Darnell was emailed copy of revised bylaws dated 2022. It was stated by Director the TCRB is not required to submit an annual report; however, it would be beneficial. Sara Rapp or Director Darnell to send TCRB the listing of LCRBs. Tennessee Code Annotated 41010-105 states that LCRBs shall report semiannually to the TCRB on their program plans, goals, and performance measures.

Developing Re-Entry Fairs and Employment Mentorship – Tom Hallquist

TCRB should be a resource to other groups. TN Home Builders want builders to hire returning citizens.

Lindsay working on list with opportunities and help after release.

Want to start sharing information in January. Must have Facebook and webpage done by next meeting.

Motion made to allow Lindsay Holloway to create Facebook and webpage. Motion approved.

Volunteer Appeals

Discussion on volunteers being required to meet in person for TCRB review.

Decision does not have to be made during the meeting the volunteer attends.

Cases go from Warden to Director to Commissioner to TCRB for appeal.

Per Director Darnell, policy is changing to allow 30 working days for response. Response does not have to be final decision. Response can be notice the TCRB is reviewing and will have decision after next meeting.

TDOC can respond to volunteer letting them know to appear in person at the next TCRB meeting.

The appeals should go first on agenda so the volunteer can be excused.

Current Appeals

Dawn Harrington, Executive Director of Free Hearts, Security issue – letter. Board agreed on TDOC decision of permanent termination. Raeanne Hance, TCRB Secretary to write letter for Chairman's signature and for Chairman to distribute.

Stacey Hayes – key. Was invited after last meeting, did not respond. Board agreed to recommend temporary suspension. Can reapply in spring, March 2025. Go through all training. Raeanne Hance, TCRB Secretary to write letter for Chairman's signature and for Chairman to distribute.

Michael Sims – on phone lists for multiple inmates and wrote letter which stated "you may call me from chaplains office anytime." Volunteer Chaplain, currently terminated Board agreed on TDOC decision of permanent termination. Raeanne Hance, TCRB Secretary to write letter for Chairman's signature and for Chairman to distribute.

Send letters to Director for review.

Retreats – Mario Allen

Mario working on retreat for TCRB members. Possibly January 10-12 or March 7-10, 2025

Objective is for creative strategic planning. Invite 1 person from each LCRB.

Friday, meeting, lunch, breakout – Local to state communication. Talk about TDOC victim impact curriculums & ministry has them, how can we enhance curriculum.

Mario to send out information

Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes – Raeanne Hance

Raeanne requested minutes from previous meeting be approved. Motion made, minutes were approved.

Non-Profit – Vinessa Brown

TCRB has had a 501c3 since 2005. New 501c3 has been created. History lost from original but not worry some.

Regional Reports

West

Vinessa Brown visited New Orleans jail. Juvenile and adults. Connect to get GED, diploma, etc. How can we bring in more things like foreign languages. Need more to come into women prison.

Paul Hensley, things are good. Has been five years since volunteer appreciation dinner at Northwest.

Mario Allen, working on Winter Wonderland event, inmate support groups, etc.

Middle

Joan Evrist stated Director was at LCRB meeting and encouraged everyone. Many things going on. AWT shared new SLU (supportive living unit), changes with new warden, Jonah's Journey main director, Christmas initiatives, challenges with changes

East

Raeanne Hance – MCCX still has challenges. Christmas programs being planned. MCCX reinstated birthday months. Cookies were recently taken in at MCCX.

Dates for 2025 meetings

01/31 04/25 06/27
08/22 10/24 12/05

4th Friday every other month

Meeting Adjourned (1:03 p.m.) – J.R. Davis

Next Meeting: Friday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. – Location is TBD

Submitted by:

Raeanne Hance, Secretary
Tennessee Community Resource Board

Date