

**Tennessee Community Resource Board  
Riverbend Correctional Institutional, Nashville  
September 26, 2025**

**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	(A)
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	(A)
James Kirkwood, Member / West TN Representative	(P)
Rev Michael Rickenbaker, Member / West TN Representative	(A)
Tory Campbell, Member / East TN Representative	(P)
Rob Frazier, Member / East TN Representative	(P)
Lindsay Holloway, Member / East TN Representative	(P)
Genevieve Turner, Member / East TN Representative	(P)
Senator Kerry Roberts	(P)

**TDOC Representative:**

Patrick Darnell, Director of Religious and Volunteer Services

**Guests:**

Jordan Davis, Returned Citizen Community

• **New Business**

- Approval of June minutes - motion by Geneveive, 2nd by JR. Yes, by all.
- JR - Reviewed the mission statement of our board. This is listed in our Bylaws. We are an advisory board and resource to help TDOC with programs and other ideas to help those incarcerated citizens and returning citizens.
- Senator Kerry - This is a quiet period, back in session in January. This is the time our legislators are working on new bills or adjusting previous bills, and working on the budgets. The senator attended the Arnold Ventures event, they are very focused on providing data and statistics. He stated he is grateful for groups that are providing the data.

The board discussed some of the bills that were passed, including the Truth in Sentencing bill, and asked whether we have statistics yet on how that's affected our state budget. The board asked questions about other bills and parole boards affecting people going up for parole. The board shared with Senator our lived experience of seeing some injustice.

- Director Darnell - Update from his office

A suggestion from this board was to send out reminders of policies. We started that out this week. He requested that we email him things we should share and remind volunteers of. Did the largest volunteer list clean up. Removed those not attending services, and was able to focus more on active volunteers. 27,000 volunteer hours in 2023. 61,000 volunteer hours in just 9 months in 2025.

- Tom - report "If I had a Hammer"  
Tom talked to the CEO, Perry, of "If I had a Hammer." Program. He was unable to attend today. 50-hour workforce development course centered around hope and values, emphasizing mindset change, including identification of gifts and talents." Shows sustainable workforce retention and a centralized database. Met with Columbia State, they would like to approve this program and offer it as a college credit. They build houses as the last test. 900 sq ft houses.

Tom is requesting weeks of 13th-20th of this month for the board and TDOC representatives to meet with Perry and Dexter for a presentation to hear about the program.

- Rob Frazier: recommended that we have a Public Information Officer & create a Communications Policy  
1 for Government  
1 for TDOC/ associated entities  
These positions would help promote the board and find partners and volunteers.  
Voted - all voted yes

- JR: Board vacancy  
James Booth - need to vote on replacement  
JR nominated - Eddie Cooper,  
Genevieve motioned, Rob 2nd, everyone voted yes

- Lindsay: Non-profit Options  
Restore our original business entity/file with the State of TN  
Then restore our nonprofit status

Senator Roberts (CPA) - suggest we get with a TDOC lawyer before going forward. Senator thinks the 501c3 would help get grants to for research and launch programs.  
Board agreed to defer the vote until the next meeting - board agrees.

- Jordan: Return Citizens' Committee - report  
Scheduled in October at Riverbend, to speak with men, new member Adrian reached out to a legislator to share his personal experience. Specifically, problems with drugs and gangs. Overdoses. How can our prisons help lower these issues? Rewards systems, etc.
- JR : By-law Conversation  
Attendance removal if absent  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the time (except for emergencies)  
Board members being removed for misconduct. Inadequate performance.  
The board discussed how to handle a situation.  
A suggestion was made to amend the use of Zoom/ online attendance
- Regional Reports  
The regions reported their activities

- **Old Business:**  
No old business

**Meeting Adjourned** (12:00p.m.) – J.R. Davis

**Next Meeting:** Friday, November 21, 2025, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Submitted by:

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Raeanne Hance, Secretary  
Tennessee Community Resource Board

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Date