

Tennessee Community Resource Board
Riverbend Maximum Security Institution, Nashville
April 24, 2026

Call to order: Joan Evrist (9:15)

Welcome & Intro – Joan Evrist

Prayer & Devotion – Paul Hensley

TCRB Representatives:

Joan Evrist

Genevieve Muckle

Eddie Cooper

Rev. Michael Rickenbaker

Mario Allen

James Kirkwood

Raeanne Hance

Tory Campbell

Paul Hensley

Kerry Roberts, Senator

TDOC Reps:

Sara Rapp, TDOC Re-Entry

Gail Finkle, Associate Commissioner

Guests:

Gracyn Martin, Governor's Office

Raul Lopez, Governor's Office

Christie Ellis, God Behind Bars

Agenda Approved

Previous Meeting Minutes Approved

New Business:

INITIATIVES

Governor's Mentorship Program

Presentation on Volunteer Mentorship Initiative (VMI)

Presented by Raul & Gracyn

100 trained mentees, 70 active mentees, 6 out of the 70 dropped off

What's training? Was 3 hours in person. Moved to online platform. 2-2.5 hours of video content.

Will have core training, then have resource library with subjects such as addiction, trauma, etc.

Partner with Science of Hope

Interested in receiving information on other available resources.

Volunteer can be a Mentor. When you come in to Mentor, leave badge and can go out and be a Volunteer. Volunteers should not be having conversations with those they are mentoring while they are volunteering.

Mentors do not get to choose their mentees.

TCRB Voted to adopt initiative

Faith and Character Pods

Presented by Raeanne Hance and Genevieve Turner

Will take volunteers.

Can provide calmer facility, less contraband, accountable for each other.

Two types: Leadership Academy and Faith & Character Based

Some being led by inmate facilitators who have seminary background or teaching background.

If we could try one facility in the state, it would make the difference.

Is board willing to begin working on this? Motion to start committee to research this.

TCRB Voted to adopt initiative – Genevieve will head committee

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Volunteer Service Report – Sara Rapp

New applicants now need recommendation letter from organization where needed before processing. If not associated with organization must talk with facility/chaplaincy.

If volunteer goes inactive, to reactivate goes through recheck on everything.

Annual PRIA requirement, recert every three years.

Need to keep email addresses current.

“Words from the Hill” – Senator Kerry Roberts

Retirement of Rany McNally will have many changes.

Disagrees with movement to “just lock them up longer.” Does not agree with 3 strikes.

Imperative during summer and fall to get to know Legislature. Help them understand prisons cannot operate without hope. Robbing people of hope with current mindsets.

This is a resource board for Board of Parole as well. They need to be represented here.

Three things he wants us to remember:

- Legislatures must understand the role of hope.
- Legislatures must be in the facilities. More than just tours. Need to be there like a volunteer. Maybe they could sit in with Mentor/Mentee session.
- Legislatures must understand Board of Parole needs to be part of TCRB.

Capital@tn.gov to find legislature.

APPEALS

Reverend Stephen Davis – Reviewed file

Note: He did not notify facility about incident. This is a big part of issue.

Removed in March. During recert it came up about the charge and he was removed.

Recommendation: He step out, wait a year, then reapply. Year starts at termination date.

Motion made and voted yes for the recommendation.

Old Business:

Rev Michael Rickenbaker resignation.

TCRB is entity of Legislature. Keep relationship.

Critical to know your region facilities and be involved in LCRB.

LCRBs

All facilities have a board. TDOC collects on monthly basis. Only four facilities have sent in reports since requesting. Chaplain should be sending minutes to Warden and copy Sara Rapp.

Each TCRB member should be attending LCRB meetings and being a resource for them.

Raeanne to Sara Rapp: Can we send out again to all Chaplains asking when the LCRBs meet and who Chairperson is? Joan to get information from Rev Michael Rickenbaker concerning LCRBs.

Board Nominations and Appointments

Middle 1 Seat; Candidate Thomas Snow

Motion made and voted yes

Recommendation and resume to be sent to Sara Rapp @TDOC.

She will send to Commissioner and Chairman of Parole Board.

West 1 Seat; Status update

Request made to meet candidate at next board meeting.

East 1 Seat; Candidate Christie Ellis

Motion made and voted yes

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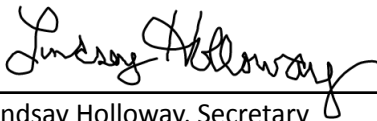
She will send to Commissioner and Chairman of Parole Board.

Bi-laws to be sent out to review and electronically vote.

Next Meeting: July 24, 2026 (9 AM- 12 PM)

Meeting Adjourned: Joan Evrist (11:58 PM)

Submitted by:



Lindsay Holloway, Secretary
Tennessee Community Resource Board

08/03/2026

Date