

**Tennessee Community Resource Board
Riverbend Correctional Institutional, Nashville
March 28, 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	(P)
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Tom Hallquist, Member / Middle TN Representative	(P)
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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	(Z)
Rob Frazier, Member / East TN Representative	(Z)
Lindsay Holloway, Member / East TN Representative	(P)
Genevieve Turner, Member / East TN Representative	(P)

TDOC Representative:

Patrick Darnell, Director of Religious and Volunteer Services

Guests:

Angela Dunbar, Deputy Commissioner TDOC
Jennifer Boyd, Specialized Services
Jerry Schrick, Chaplain
Jordan Davis, Returned Citizen Community
Kenneth Nelsen, Warden
Christie McLean, God Behind Bars

Call To Order (9:17a.m.) – J.R. Davis

Welcome & Introductions – J.R. Davis

Warden Nelsen welcomed. He thanked everyone for volunteers.
Angela Dunbar introduced. She stated volunteers truly make a difference.

Devotion & Prayer – Paul Hensley

Instigators for Change. That is what we are. Acts 17:6

Review of Minutes – J.R. Davis

Approved, with noted changes

Regional Reports

- West
Mark Luttrell, needs more volunteers

Paul Hensley - 17 or 18 inmate lead services. Problem getting volunteers. (North West)
Good feeling among inmates. Wanting to become more involved.

- Middle

Genevieve, A lot going through which TCRB would be interested in. Will send out.

James Booth, Services as normal. A couple disciplinary issues to resolve.
Good news, unit 2, Kevin Byrd has had book, "Best Day of My Life" published

Tori Campbell, Need more volunteers for special needs that cannot get out.
No resources for men, need soap, etc.
JR has artists who could possibly go in and play guitar and visit.

JR Davis – Concert at Northeast, great time. Trying to get artist in to talk with men.
Lauren Taylor @ Turney Center. Coming back with full band.
Tomorrow @ Turney, Dr. Bob Fisher, Belmont. First seminar on songwriting with music club.
Second Verses. Are they still working? Smaller but still doing.
- East

Lindsay Holloway, Things are great.
Kairos needs volunteers for girls event (Raeanne – can reach out to LCRB for this).

Raeanne, Morgan getting ready for Kairos event and cookies. Going well.
Bledsoe Women and Men, Services going weekly through GBB.
Trouble with volunteers going through system.
Darnell – send any issues his way and he will take care of them.

Update on Non-Profit – J.R. Davis
IRS to get back with Vinessa

Volunteer Appeals

The volunteers want to meet with us. Have been invited to next meeting.

Paul Hensley, "appeals do not need to be open-ended. Need a good timeframe."

JR Davis, "we need to put reminder out to volunteers to come off phone lists."

- Anyia Wiley
 - Volunteer with Freehearts.
 - Been through training multiple times. Been volunteer for about 2 or 3 years.
 - Frequency of phone calls was extensive. Calls stopped in August when termination went through.
 - Several problems with Freehearts. Conversations have been had with this group.
- Steve England
 - Not been active in a while as volunteer
 - One issue in 20 years
 - May not have been aware of policy change, volunteer vs mentor.
 - Funds? Did he give money. He should know not to give money to inmate.
 - Darnell, no issues with him. No reservations with him.

Re-entry Initiative Report – Tom Hallquist

Tom explained Book of Hope Workbook for Re-Entry. Want to print by end of April.
Had class at Riverbend. Did mock interview.
Interview questions may have not been on the right level. Maybe too advanced.
Reference page, copyright, and conclusion need to be added.
We want churches involved in this program.
Need to teach how to communicate, make presentations.
We do not want money. We want churches to take in individuals re-entering society.
Maybe do videos with stories of life changes that could help others and get others involved in program.
Tom has people who can video but need funds for editing.
Will TCRB support? What is status of 501c3?
JR Davis – Waiting for IRS to respond if 501c3 has been processed. Can receive funds only if processed.
Tom has church who will donate quarterly (\$10k)
Will we volunteer and help find employers and volunteers who will support.
Robert Frasier - Funding is never the issue. Do we have a strategic plan? What is our aim?
What is difference between TDOL and TDOC. Same program for both. TN DOL does not mention religion.
Linking to employment with pre-release. TDOL MOU with TDOC. Program taught.
TDOL needs help with mock interviews, employers that hire, etc.
Tom Hallquist – important for TCRB to work with these organizations. Gives TCRB creditability.
Should start when incarcerated to show purpose and value to get them on right track.

Motion passed to move forward to partner with TDOC. (This does not include money aspect.)

Old Business

LCRB dates need to be turned in to P. Darnell's office.
TCRB members should attend LCRB meetings to show support.

New Business

Chaplain Schrick – Foggy on mentor vs volunteer. Can we get clarification? Darnell will follow-up with him.
Governor's plan includes visitation list. Mentor can be on call list.
Must choose between being mentor or volunteer.

Meeting Adjourned (11:17p.m.) – J.R. Davis

Next Meeting: Friday, May 30, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – Location is TBD

Dates for 2025 meetings

05/30 07/25
09/26 11/21

Submitted by:

Raeanne Hance, Secretary
Tennessee Community Resource Board

Date