

Tennessee Community Resource Board
DRC/ TDOC Madison
November 21, 2025

Call to order: Jr Davis (9:10 am)

Welcome & intro - JR Davis

TCRB Representatives:

J.R. Davis, Chairman / Middle TN Representative (P)
Vinessa Brown, Vice Chairman / West TN Representative (A)
Raeanne Hance, Secretary / East TN Representative (PO)
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 (PO)
Paul Hensley, Member / West TN Representative (P)
James Kirkwood, Member / West TN Representative (PO)
Rev. Michael Rickenbaker, Member / West TN Representative (P)
Tory Campbell, Member / East TN Representative (A Excused)
Lindsay Holloway, Member / East TN Representative (P)
Genevieve Turner, Member / East TN (A Excused)
Robert Frazier, Member / East TN (P)
Eddie Cooper, Member / Middle TN (P)

TDOC Reps:

Patrick Darnell, Director of Religious and Volunteer Services

Guests:

Jordan Davis - returned citizen committee ()

Words of Wisdom- Paul Hensley - delivered a word on Joseph and the power of humility.

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New Business:

1. Approval of former minutes - motion: second: passed.
2. Volunteer appeals:
JR David, Chair presented volunteers present for appeal, thanking volunteers for their years of service. Tom Hallquist asked for clarification if a “decision would be rendered today.” Director Darnell
 - a. **Jeremy Davis (Franklin Community Church)**
Mr. Jeremy Davis (present) expounded upon the findings of the fact, stating he has never written letters to inmate burns, “my wife used the GTL app to

communicate.” Appeals on the grounds of no policy in existence “lack of clarity” on GTL app contact. Requests “reinstatement of volunteer status without retraining.”

Director Darnell asked for clarification if Mr. Davis was volunteering with anyone outside his current organization. Mr. Davis replied negative. Director Darnell offered the alternative possibility of access through the volunteer mentorship initiative. Director Darnell, “Letters were sent to the church in April”

Board recommendation: Suspension for 1 year from today (11/21/2025). Can reapply and go through training

b. Eric Boucher (Franklin Community Church)

Mr. Boucher (present) to appeal, provided appeal of case, expounding that it may be “excessive and unwarranted.” expounds, “I have had 0 violations of rules in my time as a volunteer.” “There was never a message sent to inmate Kevin Burns from my wife,” emphasizing that “she registered and nothing further.” Disputes memo from AD Keys as unfactual, Sept 8, 2025. Emphasizes, “wife and I added ourselves to inmate burns as friends,” “I did not, see *above*.” “I was not registered myself on the app,... there are no instances of her using the app beyond registration” Requests reinstatement as a volunteer at Riverbend.

Director Darnell emphasized the event as a security posture, confirming the above statement made against the report was correct, “I have not seen any documentation supporting messaging.”

Board recommendation: Maintain relationship as volunteer, the decision on Mr. Davis should serve as notice. The board recommends full retraining for the entire church (Franklin Community Church).

c. Karlen Harris Sr. (Jehovah's Witness)

Mr. Harris (present) to appeal, emphasizes 40 years of volunteer service. “The reason given for termination was showing up on property while a search was being conducted [car searches]. Termination is the result of leaving property during a search.” “In my 40 years, I have never been accused of any misconduct.” “I was unaware a search was being conducted, no officer approached the vehicle,” “[Had I known], I would have readily complied.” “Camera footage will confirm that no officer had approached my vehicle to notify of the search.”

“I take full responsibility for my actions of turning around and leaving, but it was not for the reasons that were listed in that report. I did not know that a search was being conducted, had I known I would have readily complied, waiting as long as necessary.”

Board recommendation: Request to hold decision until director Darnell reviews the video before decision, table to next meeting (January 23rd)

3. Director Darnell gave an update on volunteer services. We need new chaplains, especially in West TN. Bledsoe needs a chaplain, pray for chaplain of DJRC. Backend (volunteer application system) is going into the next phase of cleanup, processes are being further streamlined. New policies are being put in place for no communications over 60 days to refine lists. A self-paced module is on the way. Brand new volunteers will need clearance from the facility first, gatekeeping questions will be added to the application to improve flow. October (we hit 11,300 hours for the month volunteers!--2nd time this year we beat a state history record). Please get sites to send in Ops plans early. Given the security nature of operations, this does not provide ample time to review, and under our security posture, this could result in denial for lack of time to review. We request these 60 days in advance, and 1 year in advance for big events.
4. Senator Roberts - Words from the Hill (not present, unavailable).
5. Nonprofit - tabled at last meeting to check with legal representation
6. Board attendance standards
JR Davis chair, reiterates the board attendance policy. Absentees should contact for approval if at all possible to excuse absence.
Tom Hallquist, concerning this policy, recommends termination of Robert Sherrel from the board due to excused absences.
Rob Frazier, recommends a check of the attendance logs and phone call, concerning the bylaws in place for removal.
JR Davis chair, recommended review while confirming
Tom Hallquist made a motion to send a letter of notification to Robert Sherrel.
Joan Everest made a motion to terminate. Motion was seconded and passed.
JR Davis makes a motion to add treasurer and public information officer to the bylaws.
Lindsay Holloway seconded that motion. Motion passes.
JR Davis makes a motion to add the returned citizens committee to the bylaws. Rob Frazier second. All in favor passed.
7. Dr. Tom Hallquist (If I had a hammer) gave a report on *If I had a hammer*, that any reentry program should have purpose and values to know where they are going, and structured plans should be in place for reentry from day 1. Dr. Tom Hallquist, shared on his visits to Florida and Texas to look at various programs and "faith-based dorms" to curve the issue of rape within prisons. Dr. Hallquist emphasized in the report, the desire to integrate the *If I had a hammer* program to TDOC.

Inmate incentives program: Mentioned the possibility of seeking foundation grants for working clothes and funds to pay not only professors but to incentivize inmates in reentry through collaborative partnerships with local community colleges, board of regents, and TDOC. Additionally, Dr. Hallquist shared that a key focus of the program would be to encourage returned citizens to continue their educational trajectory that had been

started. In sum, the presentation puts forth the idea of forming a faith-based initiative based on *If I had a hammer*, in collaboration with these entities.

8. JR Davis - Volunteer, Mentor Visitor Policy (Tabled)
9. Jordan Davis (Returned Citizens Committee), we went last week to Riverbend to speak to the pre-release group, Jodi Kahn suggested they come every three months or so. Scheduling for East and West Tennessee has presented challenges. Mr. Davis suggests putting together groups for these prisons (namely returned citizens). If interested in this, please let JR Davis know. We could use all hands on deck, so looking for those interested. Mario emphasized the presence of a 901 group in the Memphis area that goes in once a week to these facilities. Will exchange contact information with Jordan Davis to make a connection. JR Davis emphasized that "We would probably want someone on the committee to lead it."
10. Election of New Officers: Quorum was present.
 - **Chairperson:** A vote was taken among those present in-person and those online via Teams. Director Darnell counted the vote. New Chair: Joanne Evrist
 - **Vice Chair:** A vote was taken among those present in-person and online. New Vice Chair: Paul Hensley
 - **Secretary:** A vote was taken among those present in-person and online. One nomination was received, Lindsay Holloway. New Secretary: Lindsay Holloway
 - **Treasurer:** A vote was taken among those present in-person and online. New Secretary: Tory Campbell.
 - **Public Information Officer:** A vote was taken among those present. Nominated: Raeanne, JR, Genevieve First vote ended in a tie between Raeanne and Genevieve New PIO: Raeanne Hance
11. Regional Reports
 - **West:** Mario Allen gave a report on the 901 support group that meets every Monday as a support group for those coming out. Christmas event coming up for returned citizens. Director Darnell mentioned a program in the area that is no longer active due to some regulatory concerns of minors in facilities, creating somewhat of a vacuum in this area (Don't follow me program). Paul Hensley delivered a report that Northwest has increased church services. Northwest has seen the lowest number of volunteers. He emphasized that they are wondering about Christmas parties for volunteers. Director Darnell advised to speak with the chaplain. Warden emphasized that gift bags would not be allowed. Mario Allen emphasized that food box programs have been successful over the past few months in the area with over 1,000 food boxes disseminated.
 - **Middle:** Eddie reported policy changes that have impeded church programs from bringing baked goods. Joannie reported paperwork processes being somewhat of a constraint.

- **East:** no report

Old Business:

- No Old Business

Next Meeting: January 23rd, 2026, Riverbend (being setup)
4th Friday of every other month.

Chairman JR Called for motion to adjourn,
Paul Hensley Motion to adjourn

Thank you JR for your service as chair.

Meeting adjourned (12 pm)

Submitted by:

Lindsay Holloway, Secretary
Tennessee Community Resource Board

Date