

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 28

Overview:

- Team updates will be discussed at our next general meeting on 3/3/2026.
- Procedure for the meeting protocol with a guest speakers and for asking questions
- Information about tonight’s panel guest speakers, introduction, and welcome
- Group discussion

Notes:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM EST
2. Introduction and welcome to our Distinguished Board Member (DBM) guests.
 - Bonnie Burkhardt - Bonnie brings over 35 years of Department of Defense experience in signal interception and privacy law, offering a rare technical and constitutional perspective on electronic surveillance. She is President of Blue Ridge Software Consulting and a former intelligence analyst with a top-secret clearance. Bonnie provides expert witness support in cases involving electronic surveillance and is the author of “Manufacturing Criminals - Fourth Amendment Decay in the Electronic Age” and “Manufacturing Criminals, 2nd Edition: Wiretapping and Planting Evidence”.
 - Joe Nicholson - Joe advances thought reform and transformative justice through trauma-responsive, spiritually grounded leadership. Founder of The Pathfinder Initiative, Joe works with individuals impacted by the justice system - particularly those on the registry - integrating ACEs awareness, emotional regulation, and peer-led curriculum to promote accountability, dignity, and lasting transformation.
 - Dr. Stephanie Jerstad - Dr. Jerstad provides research-driven insight into corrections policy and long-term care access for individuals impacted by sexual offense laws. A Professor of Criminology at Millersville University, her scholarship examines collateral consequences, re-entry barriers, and housing instability, with particular focus on how state and organizational policies affect long-term care access and public health outcomes.
 - Dwayne Daughtry - Dwayne combines policy advocacy with frontline public service to advance fair and effective post-conviction policy. He serves as Program Director of Homeless and At-Risk Operations for Wake County, NC, and as a board member of NCRSOL. A registered lobbyist and Veterans Service Officer, Dwayne specializes in post-conviction sexual offense policy and broader criminal justice reform.
3. Discussion and group questions.
 - Each DBM introduced themselves and described their current roles and areas of focus within their advocacy work. They each discussed how they are moving forward in 2026 and had suggestions for meaningful ways that members can support and engage in their work.

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- Questions were asked by members and the panel answered questions with discussions on the variety of issues presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

The next general meeting is on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 7:30 p.m. EST