

2026 Annual TRAINING CONFERENCE

May 4-7, 2026 • New Orleans, Louisiana

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MONDAY, MAY 4

TBD **Welcome Reception**

TUESDAY, MAY 5

8:00am **Opening and Welcome**

9:00am GENERAL SESSION #1
Resilient Optimism: Failing Forward in High-Stakes Decision Making
Dr. Alex Walker, ACJI

10:30am Break

11:00am BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS (choose one)

- 1A From Rollout to Routine:
Lessons Learned in Structured Decision-Making Implementation**
New York State Parole Board
- 1B Canada's Approach to Safer Communities -
Research-Based Decisions and Merit-Based Board Member Selection**
Parole Board of Canada
- 1C From Burnout to Balance:
A Self-Care Workshop for Today's Criminal Justice Workforce**
Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles
- 1D Beyond Compliance: A National Exploration of Supervision Conditions, Trends, and
Emerging Practices**
Crime and Justice Institute

12:00pm Lunch (on your own)

1:30pm BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS (choose one)

2A How Alabama Developed Security Protocols for Visitors and Staff During Parole Hearings

Alabama Parole Board

2B BOARDWalk: A Strategic Simulation for Parole Board Outreach Efforts

Utah Board of Pardons and Paroles

2C Utilizing Evidence Based Practices in the Release Decisions of Individuals Convicted of Sexual Offenses

Washington Indeterminate Sentence Review Board

2D Uncovering Motivation to Reduce Recidivism

Dr. Taisha Kovar, Pure Insight

2:30pm Break

3:00pm REGIONAL BREAKOUTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

8:30am GENERAL SESSION #2

Transparency and Challenge in Parole

Parole Board of England and Wales

9:30am Break

10:00am GENERAL SESSION #3

Knowing Your Role: Rebalancing Professional Identity on the Parole Board

Panel Presentation

11:30am Business Luncheon and Awards

1:00pm Break

1:30pm BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS (choose one)

3A Balancing the Scales: Understanding Actuarial Measures, Structured Tools, and Professional Judgment

Dr. Alex Walker, ACJI

3B Evidence-Informed Conditions and Responses to Non-Compliant Behavior

Richard Stroker and Cynthia Mausser, CEPP

3C Drivers of Prison Population Trends: Admissions, Time Served, and Revocations

Dr. Julia Laskorunsky, Robina Institute

3:00pm Break

3:30pm BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS (choose one)

4A Trauma-Informed Engagement: Best Practices for Parole Board Interactions

New Hampshire Adult Parole Board

4B Reentry After Parole: Applied Learnings from Impacted Leaders

Andrew Hundley, Louisiana Parole Project

**4C Balancing Professional Judgement and Evidence Based Practice:
Lessons Learned After 15,000 Interviews**

Pennsylvania Parole Board

4D Medically Recommended Intensive Supervision; A Dose of Good Judgment

Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:30am GENERAL SESSION #4

SDMF Site Implementation and Outcome Study

Dr. Danielle Rieger, National Institute of Corrections

10:00am Break

10:30am GENERAL SESSION #5

Media, Public Outcry & Parole: Navigating the Fallout from High-Profile Releases

Panel Presentation

12:00pm Lunch (on your own)

1:00pm **Membership and Professional Engagement and Facilitated Discussion**

3:00pm **Conference Conclusion**