

RAILS UNIVERSAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 9, 2021 | 1:00 p.m.

RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites

125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 | 630.734.5000

Meeting ID: 966 8805 8961 Dial-In Number: US: +1 312 626 6799 Passcode: 886600

Link: <https://railslibraries.zoom.us/j/96688058961>

REVISED AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order– Susan Busenbark
2. Roll Call of Committee Members – Stacy Palmisano
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements – Susan Busenbark
4. Public Comments – Susan Busenbark
 - 4.1 Videoconference Sites
 - 4.1.1. RAILS Burr Ridge
 - 4.1.2 RAILS East Peoria
5. Consent Agenda – Susan Busenbark
 - 5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Universal Service Committee Minutes of September 9, 2021
6. New Business—Deirdre Brennan
 - 6.1 ILA Legislative Priorities
 - 6.2 RAILS Board Statement on Universal Service
7. Unfinished Business –Deirdre Brennan
 - 7.1 Multiple Listing Service
 - 7.2 Library Mergers
 - 7.3 Library Cards for Non-resident Minors
 - 7.4 Statewide Database Proposal
 - 7.5 Statement of Universal Service
10. Meeting recap and agenda building for the next RAILS Board Universal Service Committee Meeting– Susan Busenbark
11. Adjournment– Susan Busenbark

Final vote or action may be taken at the meeting on any agenda item subject matter listed above, unless the agenda item specifically states otherwise.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Susan Busenbark, Chair, RAILS Board
- Beth Tepen, RAILS Board
- Becky Spratford, RAILS Board
- Gail Bush, Oakton Community College
- Jennifer McIntosh, RAILS Board
- Carole Medal, Gail Borden Public Library District
- Patricia Smith, RAILS Board
- Lynn Stainbrook, Rockford Public Library
- Catherine Yanikoski, Engineering Systems Inc.
- Greg McCormick - Illinois State Library ex officio
- Gwen Harrison - Illinois State Library ex officio

UNIVERSAL SERVICE COMMITTEE CHARGE

Membership

Board members, Member library directors and trustees, ISL staff RAILS staff: Executive Director, Consulting and Continuing Education Director, Member Engagement Manager

A Quorum and Voting

A majority of the members on the Universal Service shall constitute a quorum.

Charge

Recognizing the importance of extending service to the approximately 1 million unserved residents in Illinois, 673,689 of which are in RAILS, RAILS has established a task force to explore solutions to the unserved. RAILS adopted a plan in October of 2016 which has been updated but should be reviewed and changed as decided by the committee.

The committee will:

Review the current RAILS plan to serve the unserved and document progress. Prioritize goals and objectives in the plan and develop appropriate action steps. Be a voice for the unserved by bringing the issue to the attention of local libraries and boards of trustees. Develop a thorough understanding of the reasons why there are unserved residents and the implications both for the individuals affected, libraries and Illinois as a whole. As appropriate, share information and work collaboratively with the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee, ILA Public Policy Committee and ILA Advocacy Committee.

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ISL staff

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