

RAILS Board Universal Service Committee Meeting

June 9, 2022 | 1:00 pm

RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites

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MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order
Susan Busenbark, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm virtually on Zoom.
2. Roll Call of Committee Members
Palmisano called roll of the Committee members
Zoom: Sue Busenbark, Gail Bush, Jennifer McIntosh, Carol Medal, Beth Tepen, Catherine Yanikoski
RAILS East Peoria: No one in attendance
Absent: Becky Spratford, Lynn Stainbrook
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements
Busenbark read the following: In accordance with the Governor's Emergency Proclamation, the RAILS Board of Directors finds an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent and believes it is in the best interest of RAILS to hold a virtual meeting to perform essential business.
RAILS Burr Ridge: Deirdre Brennan, Monica Harris, Stacy Palmisano (designated minute taker)
RAILS East Peoria: No one in attendance
Zoom: Gwen Harrison, Tom Stagg, Katherine Hence, Leila Heath
4. Public Comments
There were no public comments.
5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Universal Service Committee Minutes of March 10, 2022
Bush moved for the approval of the consent agenda. Yanikoski seconded and a roll call was taken.
Ayes: Sue Busenbark, Gail Bush, Jennifer McIntosh, Carol Medal Beth Tepen, Catherine Yanikoski
Nays: none
6. New Business
 - 6.1. FY2023 Committee Meeting Schedule
The FY2023 meeting schedule was presented and approved.
Medal moved for the approval of the FY2023 Universal Service Committee meeting schedule as presented. Bush seconded and a roll call was taken. Ayes: Sue Busenbark, Gail Bush, Jennifer McIntosh, Carol Medal, Beth Tepen, Catherine Yanikoski Nays: none
7. Unfinished Business
 - 7.1. Support Letters for MLS
Harris discussed the RAILS' draft letter of support that will be sent to Midwest Real Estate Data (MRED). The support letter requests MRED to consider adding a category that includes the public library service on properties in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) listing sheets. The

Illinois Library Association (ILA), the Illinois State Library (ISL) and the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) agreed to supply letters of support as well. Harris reported that the IHLS staff plan to research the equivalent to MRED, so that all of Illinois could potentially feature public library service on MLS listing sheets. The committee discussed the value of a FAQ sheet for realtors to get the most impact of the addition to the listing.

7.2. Multiple Listing Service

Bush gave the committee background information on MRED. MRED is a service provided by the Chicago Association of Realtors to their 47,000 members, minus Chicago. MRED provides the MLS with the property information. Bush will compile the letters of support and plans to send the packet to realtor partner, Sandra Brown by the end of June or early July. Bush will provide a cover letter including information on how a property may or may not receive public library service and how currently, homeowners find out only after purchasing the property and a subsequent visit to the library. The MLS features the public and private schools on the listing, the goal is to include the public library name as well. Getting the correct information on the listing will be the next priority once the library category is approved to be added. Ultimately, the MRED Board will review and decide on whether to proceed forward on the addition of the library category.

7.3. Cards for Kids expansion, next steps

Brennan reported on the recently enacted [Public Act 102-0843](#), which passed on May 13, 2022, to amend both the Local Library Act and the Library District Act to authorize libraries to adopt regulations waiving nonresident library card fees for minors in certain circumstances. The new law is not a mandate and is effective immediately. The Illinois State Library is expected to issue guidance on this new law. In the interim, the law firm Ancel Glink created a FAQ sheet to assist RAILS' members in understanding this new law. Brennan thanked Senator Murphy for her participation in making this law happen.

Gwen Harrison from the Illinois State Library confirmed that the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee (ISLAC) has been reinstated. A diverse group of committee members have agreed to participate on the committee. Brennan announced that she will be a voting member of ISLAC.

8. Meeting recap and agenda building for the next RAILS Board Universal Service Committee Meeting
Busenbark gave a recap of the meeting. The committee approved the FY2023 meeting schedule, Harris reviewed the MLS support letters, Bush gave a recap on the process of the MLS listings with MRED, Brennan reported on Public Act 102-0843, and Harrison announced the reinstated ISLAC Committee. The meeting was Busenbark's last as committee Chairperson, as her term on the RAILS Board has ended. She thanked the committee for all of their good work and wished the committee best of luck on upcoming projects.

The Universal Service Committee will focus on the statewide online educational resources program, formerly discussed as the statewide database program for the upcoming 2023 fiscal year. Yanikoski suggested that a discussion on alternative funding resources for libraries that are financially impacted by the Cards for Kids Act be included as a future topic of discussion. McIntosh added that there is an inequity of funding for community college libraries. Brennan stated that a community college area per capita grant was previously discussed by this committee as a way to help with library funding. This topic will be added as a future agenda item.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 pm.

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