

RAILS Board Universal Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 6, 2024 | 1:00 pm

RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites

125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 | 630.734.5000

1. Welcome and Call to Order
Creason called the meeting to order at 1 pm.
2. Roll Call of Committee Members
Krempf called roll.
Present:
Alice Creason – Lewis University
Su Reynders – RAILS Burr Ridge
Michelle Roubal – RAILS Burr Ridge
Brooke Sievers - RAILS Burr Ridge
Lynn Stainbrook – Cherry Valley Public Library
Catherine Yanikoski – ESI
Absent: Angela Campbell, Alissa Williams
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements
Guests in Burr Ridge: Monica Harris, Joe Filapek, Kate Niehoff, Renya Krempf (designated note taker) – RAILS. On Zoom: none.
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 7, 2024
Sievers moved, and Roubal seconded the approval of the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Illinois State Library Advisory Committee (ISLAC) Update
Harris gave an update on the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee meeting, which largely focused on the school libraries. There was also a demo of the iLEAD trustee training portal, which is now available to public library trustees across the state, and an update on the Public Library Court Access pilot project about access to court-related information through public libraries. Greg McCormick presented the State Library Report, discussing the Secretary of State's FY2025 budget for library and literacy programs, e-resources database package, Open Educational Resources (OER), and subcommittee appointment process, including one focusing on the unserved population in Illinois.
7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Statewide databases and online educational resources update

Harris provided an update on the statewide databases and online educational resources, with the contract with EBSCO set to be finalized soon. She stated that a confirmation the day prior that the contract was about to be finalized. More information will be coming soon.

7.2 Review goals from 2020 Universal Service plan and discuss a potential 2024 revision

Harris remarked that a lot of progress has taken place in working towards the goals listed in the plan. The committee went over and discussed the comments the committee members submitted prior to the meeting. Harris shared that RAILS is working towards creating a new resource-sharing map, which would include some demographic data pertinent to the unserved issue. The committee concluded that a new definition of “unserved”, universal service, and core library services is needed since that affects committee goals. Members discussed examples of libraries issuing each other’s cards for the convenience of the patrons, ways to reach the unserved directly via mail or DMV correspondence, and the feasibility of having schools list a library card as a required supply.

8. New Business

8.1 Review IGA between Des Plaines Public Library and the Village of Rosemont

Reynders summarized the IGA between the Des Plaines Public Library and the Village of Rosemont and the feasibility of educating other libraries that these types of agreements are possible.

8.2 Paper Libraries update

Filapek gave a short presentation on the phenomenon of “paper libraries,” which are taxing bodies that do not provide library service to residents. The committee members brainstormed potential solutions to those situations.

9. Meeting recap and agenda building for the next RAILS Board Universal Service Committee Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be determined after the new RAILS Board is seated in late July. The committee will continue its work on the revisions to the 2020 plan.

Creason announced that this was her last meeting as the committee chair and thanked everyone for their participation and contributions.

10. Adjournment

Creason adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.