



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

Welcome and Call to Order
 Creason called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

2. Roll Call of Committee Members

Krempl 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

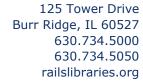
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements

Guests in Burr Ridge: Monica Harris, Joe Filapek, Kate Niehoff, Renya Krempl (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.