

**REACHING ACROSS ILLINOIS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
Burr Ridge Service Center

Draft minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order
Rene Leyva, President of the RAILS Board called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January, 15, 2025.
 - 1.1 RAILS – Burr Ridge
 - 1.2 Zoom
 - 1.3 NIU Founders Memorial Library | Normal Road & Carroll Avenue | DeKalb, IL 60115-2868
2. Roll Call of Committee Members
Fister called the roll of the Committee:
Present at Burr Ridge: Rene Leyva, Jean Carroll, Jennifer Hovanec,
Present on Zoom: Catherine Yanikoski
Present at NIU Founders Memorial Library: Gwen Gregory
Absent: None
3. Recognition of guests and announcements:
Burr Ridge: Monica Harris, Emily Fister-designated minute taker
Guests on Zoom: none
Guests at NIU Founders Memorial Library: none
4. Public comments
there were no public comments.
5. Approval of Consent Agenda
Hovanec moved to adopt the agenda. Gregory seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Ayes: Leyva, Gregory, Carroll, Hovanec, Yanikoski. Nays: none. The motion carried.
6. Filling Vacancy of Anupam Goel, Public Library Trustee Seat
Harris reviewed the options filling the Public Library board seat vacated by Anupam Goel. The committee discussed the pros and cons of each option. There were suggestions regarding the election process, timing and duration. They agreed that, when possible, the RAILS membership should be the ones deciding the replacement of Board members.
Carroll moved to recommend to the full Board that the seat Public Library board seat vacated by Anupam Goel be added to the 2025 Election. Gregory seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Next Steps

The recommendation will be presented at the January Board meeting. Leyva reviewed some of his suggestions regarding the election process. Harris said they would review the current process and present draft updates to the committee.

8. Next meeting

An upcoming meeting will be scheduled in the next few months.

9. Adjourn

Leyva adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.