



RAILS Board Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Jean Carroll

The next meeting is September 11, 2025.

Consortia Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

The RAILS Board Consortia Committee met on Monday, July 21, 2025. The next meeting is Monday, October 20, 2025.

Harris stated that RAILS awarded Catalog Membership Grants to five libraries in 2025, while the delivery data project and RAILCAR updates are temporarily on hold as RAILS awaits additional data submissions. Committee assignments for RAILS board members will be determined after the July 25 board meeting. RAILS transitioned sorting from CTL to the Bolingbrook facility, where volume increased from 2 to 6 million items monthly, causing temporary delays. The RAILS FY2026 budget was submitted with level funding, as recommended by the Illinois State Library. Harris reported on the termination of the Illinois Digital Equity Capacity Grant, federal rulings affecting libraries, and an IMLS funding cut. RAILS will receive \$850,000 from the Cook County Board of Commissioners to establish a Digital Navigator Network in suburban libraries. The committee also explored priorities for FY2026 discussion topics, such as delivery data analysis, discovery layers, sustainability, and creating educational and procedural resources for LLSAP users.

Executive Committee Report - TBD

There are no meetings scheduled.

Nominating Committee Report - Chair Alex Vancina

There are no meetings scheduled.

Policy Committee Report – Chair Catherine Yanikoski

The next meeting is September 24, 2025.

Resource Sharing Committee Report – Jennifer Hovanec

The next meeting is September 15, 2025.

Universal Service Committee Report - Chair Catherine Yanikoski

The next meeting is September 12, 2025.