

## **RAILS Board Universal Service Committee Meeting**

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 1:00 pm

RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites

125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 | 630.734.5000

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Call to Order– Catherine Yanikoski  
Yanikoski called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. She noted this was the last meeting of the Committee in this fiscal year.
2. Roll Call of Committee Members  
Kreml called roll of the members.  
Present:  
Catherine Yanikoski, Chair – Engineering Systems Inc.  
Angela Campbell – RAILS Coal Valley  
Jennifer Cutshall – RAILS Burr Ridge  
Emily Porter – Rockford University (arrived 1:07 pm)  
Su Reynders – Mount Prospect Public Library  
Michelle Roubal – RAILS Burr Ridge  
Brooke Sievers – RAILS Burr Ridge  
Alissa Williams – RAILS East Peoria
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements  
Guests in Burr Ridge: Monica Harris, Renya Kreml (designated note taker) – RAILS. On Zoom: Janette Derucki, Joe Filapek, Kate Niehoff - RAILS
4. Public Comments – Catherine Yanikoski  
There were no public comments.
5. Consent Agenda – (action requested) Catherine Yanikoski
  - 5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
  - 5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Universal Service Committee Minutes of March 21, 2025Reynders moved, and Sievers seconded the adoption of the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Unfinished Business – Monica Harris
  - 6.1 Updates from committee members on the 2024 Universal Service Plan  
Porter shared insights from her calls to state libraries, including Wyoming's integrated library system, which allows access across institutions.
  - 6.2 Community College Survey and potential proposed questions

The group discussed revising a community college survey for re-implementation, with Janette Derucki from the Data department joining to assist with the design of the new version of the survey. The members reviewed the original 8 questions and considered adding questions about interest in intergovernmental agreements and barriers to service. The committee agreed that follow-up conversations with participating libraries that respond no to unserved services might be more valuable than detailed survey questions for understanding community college library policies.

#### 6.3 ILA Annual Conference Session

Harris announced that the session titled "A Million Illinoisans Without Libraries" has been accepted by ILA for presentation at its annual conference in October. It will be a panel presentation including Yanikoski and other committee members as panelists. The session will cover the history of unserved in Illinois, case studies, the role of intergovernmental agreements and community colleges, with the new survey data to be shared as part of the presentation. It will include a discussion of the complexity of the issue, including a legal perspective. It will also offer information about existing resources, including the statewide database package, and possible strategies to widen access.

### 7. New Business – Monica Harris

#### 7.1. Illinois Legislative Update

Harris reviewed recent legislative updates affecting libraries, including new laws on security grants, broadband access, and opioid antagonist availability and training for libraries.

#### 7.2. FY2026 Universal Service Committee Composition

Yanikoski acknowledged the upcoming changes in committee composition due to board member transitions at the end of the fiscal year. Harris thanked the members who are leaving the committee at the end of the fiscal year.

8. Meeting recap and agenda building for the next RAILS Board Universal Service Committee Meeting  
Yanikoski recapped the meeting and solicited suggestions for the agenda items for the next meeting. The group will work on defining the concept and foundational components for the term Universal Service.

### 9. Adjournment

Yanikoski adjourned the meeting at 2:08 pm and thanked the members for their participation this year.