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NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 30, 2026 | 3:30 pm

RAILS Burr Ridge, 125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order
Alex Vancina, Committee Chair of the RAILS Board Nominating Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:50 pm on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the RAILS Burr Ridge Service Center.
2. Roll Call of Committee Members
RAILS Burr Ridge: Emily Faulkner, Alex Vancina
Cook Memorial Public Library District: Monica Caldicott
Crystal Lake Public Library: Charles Stump
Absent: Victoria Blackmer, Anne Thomason
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements
Guests at RAILS Burr Ridge: Monica Harris, Stacy Palmisano (designated note taker)
Guests at Cook Memorial Public Library District: None
Guests at Crystal Lake Public Library: Becky Fyolek
Guests on Zoom: Dan Bostrom, Ola Gronski
4. Public Comments
There were no public comments.
5. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - 5.1. Adoption of agenda
 - 5.2. Approval of minutes of the March 19, 2026, Nominating Committee meeting
Stump moved to adopt the consent agenda. Caldicott seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
6. Review Election Process
Bostrom reviewed the unpublished election page on the RAILS website. The election officially opens on May 6 and runs until May 22 at 11:59 pm. To clarify who can cast the agency's one vote, a drop-down menu was added under each library type. Also included is an interactive Google Map showing the location of each candidate's library. Candidate

profiles list their answers to the application questions, along with a headshot.

7. Review Nominations and Discuss Proposed Ballot

The unpublished ballot was reviewed by Bostrom, who reported that 17 nominations were received for this election: 2 candidates for 1 open academic seat, 4 candidates for 1 open at-large seat, 8 candidates for 3 open public library seats, and 3 candidates for 1 open school library seat. Gronski spoke about the marketing campaign, which includes a printed election guide with an “I Voted” sticker, candidate videos, two social media posts per week during the election period, the weekly RAILS e-news, and a mention in the May 20 RAILS Minute video. During the last week of the election, Gronski will notify all library agencies that have not yet voted to urge them to participate. Harris congratulated the committee members on their efforts to encourage nominations for the RAILS Board.

8. Next RAILS Nominating Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, June 3, at 3:30 pm. Vancina reported that at the next meeting, the committee will verify the election results and propose a slate of officers for the RAILS Board election.

9. Adjourn

Vancina adjourned the meeting at 4:12 pm.