



RAILS Board Committee Reports October 23, 2026

Advocacy Committee Report - Chair Emily Porter

The committee met on October 15, 2026. The next meeting is on December 17, 2026.

Consortia Committee Report – Chair Megan Gove

The committee met on July 13, 2026. The next meeting is November 9, 2026.

Executive Committee Report – Chair Catherine Yanikoski

No meetings are scheduled.

Nominating Committee Report – Chair Gwen Gregory

No meetings are scheduled.

Policy Committee Report – Chair Amanda Kowalcze

The committee met on Wednesday, September 23, 2026. The next meeting is November 16, 2026.

The Policy Committee reviewed the updated Jury Duty policy and suggested language edits. The Committee reviewed the Employee Handbook as a whole and recommended grammar and consistency changes. Discussion of the Handbook will continue at the next meeting.

Resource Sharing Committee Report – Chair Gwen Gregory

The committee met on September 14, 2026. The next meeting is on December 14, 2026.

Universal Service Committee Report – Jennifer Cutshall

The committee met on October 2, 2026. The next meeting is on December 4, 2026.

At the Universal Service Committee meeting, Joe Filapek presented an overview of the history and meaning of universal service in Illinois, highlighting the state's efforts over the years and reaffirming RAILS' ongoing commitment to universal service as a strategic priority.

Filapek updated the committee on RAILS's strategic planning refresh process. The committee reviewed the 2024 Universal Service Plan to identify action items worth pursuing in FY2027.



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Members discussed action items they would like to add to the plan and possible revisions to the plan's three main goals and related objectives.