

ProRail Board Meeting Minutes: 01/24/2026

Attendees: Clyde Anderson, Taylor Benzel, Bridger Corkill, Oluseye Fakinlede Jim Hanna, Margo Juarez, Robert Kuzelka, Matthew Roque, David Purdy; Sam Will

Discussion Items:

- **Intro and Welcome New Members**
- **Contract Increase for Oluseye**
- **Amendment on LB1098**
- **Draft Materials for LB1098 Hearing**
- **To-Do Items Before the Hearing Date**
- **Next Meeting is Saturday, February 7th at Scooters on 27th & Pine Lake. Bridger to send Zoom info with reminder email.**
- **Annual Meeting will be Saturday, May 9th, 2026, in Gretna. Bridger to confirm reservation times available.**

Detailed Notes:

- **Intro and Welcome New Members**
- **Contract Increase for Oluseye**
 - Motion to increase the contract amount for Oluseye's work during the legislative session by \$1000. Passes 5-0
 - Bridger to coordinate with Bob/Oluseye to update and sign contract documents
- **Amendment on LB1098**
 - Discussion about the amendment filed by Sen Kauth on LB1098.
 - Amendment has been filed on all bills in the legislature.
 - Not clear about whether or not this will impact the bill
 - No action at this time
- **Draft Materials for LB1098 Hearing**
 - Poster
 - Bridger to coordinate with Oluseye on edits this week and distribute
 - Post Card 4x6 with information on how to support the bill
 - Bridger to coordinate with Oluseye to remove the bad addresses from the town hall list and check it against the mailing list.
 - Need to pick up stamps once we have a firm count
 - Edits to the postcard discussed. Bridger to coordinate with Oluseye on changes and distribute the updated drafts
 - Add information to the back
 - Update links
 - Include contact info for questions
 - Include a call to join ProRail
 - Change invite to sign-up to testify
 - Pamphlet
 - 1-page pamphlet on the importance of rail
 - Include photo from the Omaha town hall
 - Social media – Bridger to coordinate with Oluseye on social media ready versions of the promotional material / information

- **To-Do Items Before the Hearing Date**
 - No reception/lunch before the hearing for people who plan to testify.
 - Bridger and Oluseye to meet and incorporate feedback on the promotional materials and social media content
 - ProRail to encourage transportation committee members to vote yes on the bill. Jim to contact Moser. Bridger to contact remaining sens from the ProRail email.
 - Sen Juarez to follow-up on hearing date with Sen Moser
 - Bob to follow-up with Sen Juarez office about hearing rules/what we can bring
 - Matt to contact Sen Quick and LNK City Councilman Shobie.
 - Dave to follow up with the mayor's office in Omaha about meeting to discuss the bill and ask the City to submit a letter of support/send someone to the hearing. Bridger and Oluseye to coordinate on a pamphlet to bring along.
 - Sam to look into the process for meeting with the Lincoln Mayor/Ombudsmen for a similar discussion. Jim to look into Columbus. The remaining municipalities will be contacted by email to support the bill from the ProRail account.
 - Need to print/include good photos from the Omaha town hall for print materials to show to potential supporters of the bill.
 - A draft request for a letter of support and draft comment/support letter content are attached.
 - Need to nail down who will do Facebook/social media and how we keep up with that in the longer term.
 - Matt to contact Dan and Laura about in-person testimony at the hearing
 - Matt to testify in person for ProRail
 - Bridger to share list of organizations/contact spreadsheet.
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