

Rooted School - New Orleans

Rooted School Board of Directors: Committee of the Whole

August Meeting

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Amended on August 20, 2025 at 3:20 PM CDT

Date and Time

Wednesday August 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM CDT

Location

Rooted School
6701 Press Drive
New Orleans, LA 70126

MEETING NOTIFICATION

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
5:00 PM Central Time

IN PERSON MEETING:

Rooted School
6701 Press Drive
SUNO School of Education & Human Development

ROOM : 106 - SOCIAL HALL

VIRTUAL OPTION:

If you wish to join the meeting virtually:

When: Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 5:00 PM Central Time

*You must register in advance for this meeting.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Pursuant to emergency proclamation 30-JCE 2020, the Rooted School New Orleans Board hereby certifies that it will conduct all meetings scheduled for 2025 - 2026, in person (unless otherwise designated), at 6701 Press Dr. in the College of Education Building & Human Development on SUNO's campus in the Social Hall (Room 106) on the 1st Floor.

Board meetings shall be held in this manner until further notice.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:00 PM
A. Record Attendance	Vote	Frank Ingargiola	2 m
Attendance will be recorded by Frank Ingargiola.			
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Mark Quinn	1 m
The meeting will be called to order by Mark Quinn.			
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Mark Quinn	2 m
The Board will vote to approve the minutes of the 06-20-2025 Rooted School Board of Directors meeting.			
Approve minutes for Board Action Session [2025 BUDGET APPROVAL] & Board Work Session [Annual Board Retreat] on June 20, 2025			
II. SPECIAL VOTING SESSION: NEW BOARD MEMBER - DR. HAREANNA CAMPBELL			5:05 PM
A. The Board will move to vote on the addition of Dr. Hareanna Campbell to the 2025 - 2026 Rooted School Board of Directors.	Vote	Lucas Diaz	3 m
• Mr. Lucas Diaz will conduct the formal introduction to the public.			

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III. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: WORK SESSION			5:08 PM
A. Rooted School Mission Moment with Junior Milton Batiz: Rooted School student and member of the Class of 2027 will discuss his experiences at Rooted and his plans for the future.	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
B. Budget Update - FY 2024 - 2025 [Q4] Closeout and Overview of 2025 - 2026 Joe Daschbach of EdOps will present a brief budget update and overview for FY 2025 - 2026 as well as an update on the 2024 - 2025 Q4/FY 2025 projected closeout.	Discuss	Joe Daschbach	10 m
C. Discussion of a Possible Update to the Rooted School Mission Statement Executive Director, Kaitlin Karpinski, will discuss the expansion of Rooted's Mission & Vision statement to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Pathway • Health & Science Pathway 	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	15 m
D. LDOE Certificated & Differentiated Stipends for 2025 - 2026 School Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board will hear an update on the <i>2025 - 2026 LDOE Certificated & Differentiated Stipends</i>. The intention will be to have the Board vote formally on the distribution plan at the Wednesday, October 29, 2025, meeting for payroll distribution on or before December 15, 2025. 	Discuss	Frank Ingargiola	5 m
IV. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: ACTION SESSION CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS [A - F]			5:43 PM
The Board will take action on all items in this portion of the meeting. Voting will happen as part of a consent agenda on items A - F.			
A. Second Reading Draft Policy - Employee & Board Communications Policy	Vote	Frank Ingargiola	5 m

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board will conduct a second and final reading of the <i>draft</i> Employee & Board Communications Policy. 		
B.	Second Reading Draft Policy - Title IX Updates	Vote	Frank Ingargiola
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board will conduct a second and final of the <i>draft</i> - Title IX Update. An attorney review has been conducted. 		
C.	Second Reading Draft Policy - Communicable Diseases Policy	Vote	Frank Ingargiola
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board will conduct a second and final reading of the <i>draft</i> Communicable Diseases Policy. 		
D.	Second Reading Draft Policy - Rooted School Risk & Threat Assessment Policy	Vote	Frank Ingargiola
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board will conduct a second and final reading of the <i>draft</i> - Rooted School Risk & Threat Assessment Policy. 		
E.	Second Reading Draft Policy - Rooted School Attendance Policy Update	Vote	Kaitlin Karpinski
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board will conduct a second and final reading of the updates to the <i>draft</i> - Rooted School Attendance Policy. 		
F.	2025 - 2026 Curriculum Approval	Vote	Kaitlin Karpinski
	The Board will vote to approve the Rooted School academic content curricula for the 2025 - 2026 school year.		
V.	ACTION SESSION: INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEM - BOARD CD INVESTMENT / CHECKING REINVESTMENT		6:13 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Chair, Mr. Mark Quinn, will discuss some short-term CD investments (120 Days). Options considered: 		

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1. Liberty Bank			
2. Hope Federal Credit Union			
3. Renasant Bank			
4. Chase - 120-Day CD = 4% at maturity			
5. Grasshopper - Innovator Money Market Savings account = 3.55% APY on balances over \$25,000.			

The Board may take action and consider a vote on one or more of the various options.

A.	The Board May Vote to Take Action on Financial Reinvestment	Vote	Mark Quinn	10 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board may decide to take action on one or more of the several investment opportunities outlined during the discussion. • The motion/vote will reflect which option(s) the board will elect to adopt for FY 2025 - 2026. 			

VI. Public Comment / Questions

Our Public Comment period is for members of the public and school community to address the board directly.

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3. The board requests that all comments and/or questions from the public be held to a maximum of three - five minutes.
4. The board secretary will act as the timekeeper.
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6. Do not use specific student, teacher or administrator names in your comments as our meetings are open to the public and must adhere to *FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*.

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7. As such, if your comment is about a private matter, please contact the board via email at mquinn@rootedschool.org

VII.	Executive Session: UTNO Standing Update & Executive Director Annual Evaluation and 2026 Contract	6:23 PM
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I. The Board will move into Executive Session to discuss UTNO standing.

****Any discussion requiring board action will take place when the board reconvenes in the public session.***

II. The Board will move into Executive Session to discuss the SY 2025 - 2026 Executive Director contract and the 2024 - 2025 Executive Director evaluation.

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A.	Executive Session: Item I - UTNO Standing - [Vote to Occur In Public Session Only if Action Is To Be Taken]	Vote	Mark Quinn	5 m
B.	Executive Session: Item II - Executive Director Contract & Evaluation - [Vote to Occur In Public Session Only if Action Is To Be Taken]	Vote	Mark Quinn	2 m

VIII.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:	6:30 PM
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• Ms. Kaitlin Karpinski, Executive Director, will report on the administrative restructuring for school year 2025 - 2026.

A.	2025 - 2026 Administrative Restructuring	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	10 m
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X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote
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