

Rooted School - New Orleans

Rooted School Board of Directors: Committee of the Whole

October Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday October 29, 2025 at 5:00 PM CDT

Location

Rooted School @ SUNO
College of Education and Human Development
6701 Press Drive
New Orleans, LA 70126

MEETING NOTIFICATION **Wednesday, October 29, 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, October 29, 2025, at 5:00 PM Central Time

*You must register at least 24 hours in advance for this meeting if you wish to participate virtually. You may contact the Rooted School Main Office at 504-383-4654 or email us at frontoffice@rootedschool.org

Frank Ingargiola is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Rooted School Board of Directors Meeting

Time: Oct 29, 2025 05:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3224513832?pwd=WebHvOpuFXabUUKpDEU4zEMM08peF9.1&omn=83102549768>

Meeting ID: 322 451 3832

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Join instructions

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meetings/83102549768/invitations?](https://us02web.zoom.us/meetings/83102549768/invitations?signature=1Xfpg5PaY0UWj3uKDp94Ix4UyP8yyRmJB83iiJDTGU)

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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.			

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C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Mark Quinn	2 m

The Board will vote to approve the minutes of the 08-20-2025 Rooted School Board of Directors meeting.

Approve minutes for Rooted School Board of Directors: Committee of the Whole on August 20, 2025

II. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS 5:05 PM

A. Rooted School Mission Moment with Khloe Cola:	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
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Rooted School student and member of the Class of 2028 will discuss her experiences at Rooted as one of our first nursing candidates.

B. Budget Update - FY 2024 - 2025 [Q4] Closeout and Overview of 2025 - 2026	Discuss	Joe Daschbach	10 m
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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 closeout.

C. Discussion of Updates to the Rooted School Mission Statement	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	15 m
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Executive Director, Kaitlin Karpinski, will discuss the expansion of Rooted's Mission & Vision statement to include the following:

- Nursing Pathway
- Social Work Pathway

D. First Reading Draft Policy - AI Policy	Discuss	Frank Ingargiola	5 m
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• The Board will conduct a first reading of the proposed Rooted School AI Policy.

E. First Reading Draft Policy - Act 680	Discuss	Frank Ingargiola	5 m
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• The Board will conduct a first reading of the proposed - Act 680 Policy. An attorney review has been conducted.

F. Impact of Federal Government Shutdown - NSLP & Food Insecurity Issues	Discuss	Frank Ingargiola	10 m
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- The Board will discuss recent concerns around the closing of the SNAP and WIC programs
- Impact of government shutdown on NSLP
- Possible short-term considerations to address food insecurity

III. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: ACTION SESSION AGENDA ITEMS 5:55 PM

The Board will take action on all items in this portion of the meeting.

A.	LDOE Certificated & Differentiated Stipends for 2025 - 2026 School Year	Vote	Frank Ingargiola	5 m
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- The Board will hear an update on the *2025 - 2026 LDOE Certificated & Differentiated Stipends*. The Board formally vote on the distribution plan at the Wednesday, October 29, 2025, meeting for payroll distribution on December 15, 2025.

Detailed Board Link Below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hhCW_3CoQWjRnxgSYSLf047W4LpBEx3mTUViWmFZuM0/edit?gid=780974987#gid=780974987

B.	2025 - 2026 PUPIL PROGRESSION PLAN UPDATE & VOTE	Vote	Kaitlin Karpinski	10 m
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The Board will vote to approve the Rooted School ***Pupil Progression Plan*** for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

C.	BOARD INVESTMENT UPDATE & VOTE	Vote	Frank Ingargiola	10 m
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After additional investigation and discussion with the following individuals:

- Grace Castle - JP Morgan Investments Advisor
- Joe Daschbach - EdOps
- Brad Frazier - Chase Senior Finance Advisor
- Lee Reid - Adams & Reese
- Luther Speight - Rooted School Auditor

The board will be asked to vote on investing ***[dollar amount to be determined]*** in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool - L.A.M.P. Several charter schools use this program for

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investing surplus funds. There will be a brief discussion at the meeting of the vetting process leading to this decision.

IV. Public Comment / Questions

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

Any member of the public wishing to address the board must follow the guidelines below:

1. Sign in prior to the meeting on the **Public Comment Form** (available in-person only).
2. Provide your question(s) and/or comment(s) prior to the start of the meeting on the **Public Comment Form**.
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.
5. The board will listen, but may not directly respond to any comments/questions during the meeting.
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*.
7. As such, if your comment is about a private matter, please contact the board via email at mquinn@rootedschool.org

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

6:20 PM

- Ms. Kaitlin Karpinski, Executive Director, will report on some additional key elements for school year 2025 - 2026.

A. 2025 - 2026 UPDATE ON BOARD CONFIGURATION

Discuss

Kaitlin Karpinski

5 m

- Ms. Karpinski will discuss the need for 2 additional Board members.
- More information and support will be needed.

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B. DISCUSSION ON REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1. Academic Committee 2. Fundraising Committee 3. Governance Committee	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	10 m
C. UPDATES ON ATTENDANCE AND CURRENT ENROLLMENT	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
D. UPDATE ON UPCOMING NOPS SITE VISITATION / AUDIT	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
E. UPDATE ON CHARTER RENEWAL PROCESS • Metrics for renewal • General overview of renewal process	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	10 m

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VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Vote

We exist to provide our students personal pathways to financial freedom.