

# Rooted School - New Orleans

## Rooted School Board of Directors: Committee of the Whole

### February Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday February 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM CST

#### Location

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

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#### MEETING NOTIFICATION

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**  
**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, February 4, 2026 @ 5:00 P.M.**

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\*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](mailto:frontoffice@rootedschool.org)

Frank Ingargiola is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Rooted School Board of Directors Meeting

Time: **Wednesday, February 4, 2026 @ 5:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uUE3X\\_5PR8u\\_uSW0mo\\_fKA](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uUE3X_5PR8u_uSW0mo_fKA)

**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
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>A. Record Attendance</b>	Vote	Frank Ingargiola	2 m
Attendance will be recorded by Frank Ingargiola.			
<b>B. Call the Meeting to Order</b>		Mark Quinn	1 m
The meeting will be called to order by Mark Quinn.			
<b>C. Approve Minutes</b>	Approve Minutes	Mark Quinn	2 m
The Board will vote to approve the minutes of the 01-14-2026 Rooted School Board of Directors meeting.			
Approve minutes for MEETING OF THE ROOTED SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS on January 14, 2026			

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II.	SPECIAL ACTION SESSION ITEM - VOTE ON MS. ASHLEY ALEXIS TO THE ROOTED SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
			5:05 PM
A.	Vote on Ms. Ashley Alexis to the Rooted School Board of Directors	Vote	Mark Quinn
			10 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Alexis will be introduced to the community by Board Chair, Mr. Mark Quinn</li><li>• Ms. Alexis will introduce herself and present her vision and mission to the Rooted School Board of Directors and to the community.</li></ul>		
III.	PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS		
			5:15 PM
A.	Rooted School Mission Moment with Ashley Alexis:	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski
			5 m
	Rooted School parent and member of the Rooted School Board of Directors will briefly discuss her daughter's experiences at Rooted School.		
B.	Budget & Enrollment Update - Overview of Current 2025 - 2026 and Projected 2026 - 2027 Budget	Discuss	Joe Daschbach
			10 m
	I. Joe Daschbach of EdOps will present on:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget update and overview for FY 2025 - 2026</li><li>• Update on budget amendment - Frank Ingargiola</li><li>• Update on 70% administrative threshold - (See Attachment)</li></ul>		
C.	Update on Draft CSAF, Charter Renewal Timeline / Process & Enrollment	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski
			15 m
	Ms. Karpinski, Rooted School Executive Director, will present on the following:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Draft Charter School Accountability Framework (CSAF)</li><li>2. Charter Renewal Process &amp; Timeline</li><li>3. Update on 2026 Current Enrollment</li><li>4. Update on 2026 - 2027 Enrollment Targets - Seth Paddock NOPS Meeting</li></ul>		

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#### IV. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: ACTION SESSION AGENDA ITEMS 5:45 PM

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

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| A. | CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS OVER \$10,000 THRESHOLD | Vote | Kaitlin Karpinski | 10 m |
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The Board will vote to approve all contracts exceeding the Rooted School \$10,000 finance policy threshold as part of a consent agenda [SEE ATTACHED].

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| B. | BOARD INVESTMENT UPDATE & VOTE | Vote | Frank Ingargiola | 5 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

*Transaction #2 for FY 2026:*

*The board will be asked to vote on investing [additional dollar amount to be determined] in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (L.A.M.P.)*

\*Several charter schools use this program for investing surplus funds. There will be a brief discussion at the meeting of the vetting process leading to this decision.

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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 <i>FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act</i> .			
7. As such, if your comment is about a private matter, please contact the board via email at <a href="mailto:mquinn@rootedschool.org">mquinn@rootedschool.org</a>			

## VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

6:00 PM

- Ms. Kaitlin Karpinski, Executive Director, will report on key success indicators for school year 2025 - 2026.

<b>A.</b>	<b>FOLLOW-UP ON BOARD CONFIGURATION</b>	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Karpinski will discuss the need for 2 additional Board members.</li> <li>• More information and support will be needed.</li> </ul>			
<b>B.</b>	<b>FOLLOW-UP ON ENROLLMENT &amp; FUNDRAISING</b>	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	10 m
	1. Media Spotlights 2. Current Fundraising Efforts			
<b>C.</b>	<b>FOLLOW-UP ON RESULTS OF NOPS SITE VISITATION / AUDIT</b>	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
<b>D.</b>	<b>FOLLOW-UP ON CHARTER RENEWAL PROCESS</b>	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metrics for renewal</li> </ul>			

- General overview of renewal process

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## VIII. Closing Items

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| A. Adjourn Meeting | Vote |
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