

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

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.**

*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

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Join Zoom Meeting

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
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 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"> • Ms. Alexis will be introduced to the community by Board Chair, Mr. Mark Quinn • Ms. Alexis will introduce herself and present her vision and mission to the Rooted School Board of Directors and to the community. 		
III.	PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS			5:15 PM
A.	Rooted School Mission Moment with Ashley Alexis:	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
		<p>Rooted School parent and member of the Rooted School Board of Directors will briefly discuss her daughter's experiences at Rooted School.</p>		
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"> • Budget update and overview for FY 2025 - 2026 • Update on budget amendment - Frank Ingargiola • Update on 70% administrative threshold - (See Attachment) 		
C.	Update on Draft CSAF, Charter Renewal Timeline / Process & Enrollment	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	15 m
		<p>Ms. Karpinski, Rooted School Executive Director, will present on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Charter School Accountability Framework (CSAF) 2. Charter Renewal Process & Timeline 3. Update on 2026 Current Enrollment 4. Update on 2026 - 2027 Enrollment Targets - Seth Paddock NOPS Meeting 		

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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.

A. CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS OVER \$10,000 THRESHOLD Vote Kaitlin Karpinski 10 m

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].

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

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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VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

6:00 PM

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

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

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• General overview of renewal process		

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VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

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