

# Rooted School - New Orleans

## MEETING OF THE ROOTED SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### Date and Time

Wednesday January 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM CST

### Location

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

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**MEETING NOTIFICATION**  
**Wednesday, January 14, 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, January 14, 2026**, at 5:00 PM Central Time

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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, January 14, 2026 @ 5:00 PM** Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86165148169?pwd=c6FWsELV9fWMrHKpzCUeR7K2HmGImF.1>

**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.</b> Record Attendance	Vote	Frank Ingargiola	2 m
Attendance will be recorded by Frank Ingargiola.			
<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Mark Quinn	1 m
The meeting will be called to order by Mark Quinn.			
<b>C.</b> Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Mark Quinn	2 m
The Board will vote to approve the minutes of the 10-29-2025 Rooted School Board of Directors meeting.			
Approve minutes for Rooted School Board of Directors: Committee of the Whole on October 29, 2025			

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<b>II. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS</b>			<b>5:05 PM</b>
<b>A.</b>	Rooted School Mission Moment with Khloe Cola: Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
	Rooted School student and member of the Class of 2028 will discuss her experiences at Rooted as one of our first nursing candidates.		
<b>B.</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>• Discussion of possible budget amendment needed (Pending)</li> </ul>		
	II. Kaitlin Karpinski, Executive Director, will present on:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026 Current Enrollment &amp; 2026 - 2027 Enrollment Targets</li> </ul>		
<b>C.</b>	Draft Policies - Second Readings - AI Policy, Parent & Family Engagement Policy and Act 680 Policy	Discuss Frank Ingargiola	10 m
	I. <b>AI Policy:</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board will conduct a second reading of the proposed Rooted School AI Policy.</li> <li>• Board may vote on approving the policy as written as part of a consent agenda item.</li> </ul>		
	II. <b>Parent &amp; Family Engagement Policy:</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board will conduct a second reading of the proposed Rooted School Parent &amp; Family Engagement Policy.</li> <li>• Board may vote on approving the policy as written as part of a consent agenda item.</li> </ul>		
	III. <b>Act 680 - Given Name Act Policy:</b>		

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
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- The Board will conduct a second reading of the proposed Rooted School Given Name Act Policy.
- Board may vote on approving the policy as written as part of a consent agenda item.

III.

PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: ACTION SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

5:30 PM

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

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| A. | CONSENT AGENDA - 2nd READING AND ADOPTION OF NEW/REVISED POLICIES | Vote | Kaitlin Karpinski | 10 m |
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The Board will vote to approve the 3 newly adopted/revised Rooted School policies as part of a consent agenda:

- I. AI Policy
- II. Parent & Family Engagement Policy
- III. Glven Name Act Policy (Act 680)

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

IV.

Public Comment / Questions

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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](mailto:mquinn@rootedschool.org)

<b>V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:</b>	<b>5:50 PM</b>
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- Ms. Kaitlin Karpinski, Executive Director, will report on key success indicators for school year 2025 - 2026.

<b>A. 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. FOLLOW-UP ON ENROLLMENT &amp; FUNDRAISING</b>	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	10 m
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Media Spotlights</li> <li>2. Current Fundraising Efforts</li> </ol>			

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<b>C. FOLLOW-UP ON RESULTS OF NOPS SITE VISITATION / AUDIT</b>	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
<b>D. FOLLOW-UP ON CHARTER RENEWAL PROCESS</b>	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metrics for renewal</li> <li>• General overview of renewal process</li> </ul>			

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## VII. Closing Items

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| <b>A. Adjourn Meeting</b> | Vote |
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