

Rooted School - New Orleans

MEETING OF THE ROOTED SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August Meeting - 2026 - 2027 School Year

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Date and Time

Wednesday August 19, 2026 at 5:00 PM CDT

Location

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

1st Floor
Social Hall

MEETING NOTIFICATION

Wednesday, June 19, 2026

5:00 P.M. 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, log in with the link below:

Topic: Rooted School Board of Directors Meeting

Time: Wednesday, **August 19, 2026 @ 5:00 P.M.** Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86234995835?pwd=wOo7KaERxaVMxSfDNTzV77JEpZ8Rt4.1>

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
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. Approval of Board Minutes of 06/12/2026	Approve Minutes	Mark Quinn	2 m
The Board will make a motion to vote to approve the minutes of 06-12-2026			
II. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: DISCUSSION ITEMS			5:05 PM
A. Mission Moment: Khloe Cola	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	10 m
Ms. Cola will share some of her experiences being a student at Rooted School and at the New Orleans Career Center.			
B. Executive Director Presentation		Kaitlin Karpinski	15 m

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Ms. Karpinski will present her <i>Opening of School 2026</i> overview to the Rooted School Board of Directors and the Community.			
C. Updates on Enrollment & Charter Renewal Accountability	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	10 m
• Kaitlin Karpinski will provide the Board a brief update on Rooted School's current enrollment and progress toward charter renewal (to date).			
D. 2026 - 2027 Focus Group Discussions	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	10 m
• There is a proposal to hold additional community stakeholder meetings (number to be decided) that will focus on the following key Board initiatives: 1. Fundraising in the current non-profit environment (Executive Director, Parents, Community and 1 - 2 Board Members) 2. Increasing parent and community engagement (Executive Director, Parents, Community and 1 - 2 Board Members)			
E. Board Handbook & Statement of Assurances	Discuss	Kaitlin Karpinski	15 m
Ms. Kaitlin Karpinski will distribute to the Rooted School Board of Directors:			
• UPDATED 2026 - 2027 Rooted Financial Policies and Procedures Manual • UPDATED 2026 - 2027 Rooted School Board of Directors Bylaws & Manual • 2026 - 2027 Mandatory Statements of Assurance for each member of the Board of Directors			
F. Contract Approvals and Act 370 Posting Guidelines	Discuss	Frank Ingargiola	5 m
The Rooted School Board of Directors will receive a document outlining all contracts and specifically those that may exceed the 10K administrative sign-off threshold.			
All contracts will need to be posted on the school's website as soon as that review has occurred as mandated by Act 370.			
G. FIRST READING: New School, Student & Employee Policies for Board Approval	Discuss	Frank Ingargiola	15 m

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• ACT 737 Human Trafficking Victim Identification and Reporting Policy • ACT 962 School-Based Health Services Policy • R.S. 17-3996(B) Teacher Shield Act Policy • Smart Glasses - Meta Glasses Policy [Students & Employees]			

III. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: ACTION ITEMS 6:25 PM

A.	Updated Review of L.A.M.P. Investments To Date	Vote	Frank Ingargiola	10 m
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- Frank Ingargiola will provide an update on our current LAMP account along with a recommendation for future investments 2026 - 2027.

BOARD MOTIONS:

- Board will make a motion to take action on additional investment(s) for FY 2026 - 2027
- Board will make a motion to take action on establishing a dollar amount threshold for return of monies to general fund (if needed).

B.	Public Comment: Action Item L.A.M.P. Investment Strategy	Discuss	Public Comment	5 m
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C. Return of Lucas Diaz to the Rooted School Board of Directors	Vote	Kaitlin Karpinski	10 m

- Mark Quinn will reintroduce Lucas Diaz to the Rooted School Board of Directors.
- Lucas will have a few moments to introduce himself to the new members of the Board and to the community-at-large.

BOARD MOTION:

- Board will make a motion to take action on returning Lucas Diaz to the Rooted School Board of Directors.

D. Public Comment: Lucas Diaz Return to the Rooted School Board of Directors	Discuss	Public Comment	5 m
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E.	SY 2026 - 2027 Approval of Curriculum	Vote	Kaitlin Karpinski
	• Ms. Karpinski will review proposed updates and changes to the SY 2026 - 2027 curriculum.		

BOARD MOTIONS:

- Board will make a motion to approve the proposed updates to the SY 2026 - 2027 curriculum.
- F.** Public Comment: Approval SY 2026 - 2027 Academic Curriculum
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IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Only if requested by the Board of Directors 7:05 PM

- THERE IS NO SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLISHED AGENDA.

A.	Executive Session: At the time the agenda was published, there was no scheduled Executive Session for this meeting	Vote	Mark Quinn	20 m
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- Should there be a request for an Executive Session, the Rooted School Board of Directors will be required to vote on a motion to that effect prior to going into Executive Session.
- The Board will state the reasons for the Executive Session and those will be added to the minutes.
- There will be no vote(s) taken in Executive Session.
- Any discussion requiring a formal Board vote will be done after the motion is made to reconvene in the public session

B.	Public Comment: Matters from Executive Session	Discuss	Public Comment	5 m
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V. Closing Items

7:30 PM

A. Adjourn Meeting

Vote

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