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# Rooted School - New Orleans

## Minutes

### Rooted School Board of Directors Meeting: 02/28/2022

Note: This meeting occurs on a Tuesday evening due to Mardi Gras

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday February 28, 2023 at 5:00 PM

#### Location

SUNO College of Education and Human Development  
Room 177  
6701 Press Dr.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE: Pursuant to emergency proclamation 30-JCE 2020, the Rooted School New Orleans Board hereby certifies that it will conduct the meeting scheduled for February 28, 2023 in person, at 6701 Press Dr. in the SUNO College of Education & Human Development Building.

- The **Finance Committee** meeting will start at 5 PM.
- The **Committee-of-the-Whole** meeting beginning at 6 PM.

Board meetings shall be held in this manner until further notice.

#### NOTE:

- ***This meeting was originally rescheduled from 12/14/2022 due to inclement weather.***
- ***The rescheduled meeting for 01/04/2023 was then canceled due to no established board quorum on that evening.***

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#### Directors Present

A. Utley, G. Jones Herbert, K. Finke, T. Chase

#### Directors Absent

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A. Mendez, B. Campbell, M. Quinn, N. Weeks, S. Short

**Guests Present**

F. Ingargiola, K. Karpinski, Michelle Craig

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

G. Jones Herbert called a meeting of the board of directors of Rooted School - New Orleans to order on Tuesday Feb 28, 2023 at 5:59 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

T. Chase made a motion to approve the minutes from Rooted School New Orleans - Committee of the Whole Meeting on 10-26-22.

A. Utley seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|------------------|--------|
| M. Quinn         | Absent |
| T. Chase         | Aye    |
| B. Campbell      | Absent |
| A. Mendez        | Absent |
| S. Short         | Absent |
| N. Weeks         | Absent |
| G. Jones Herbert | Aye    |
| A. Utley         | Aye    |
| K. Finke         | Aye    |

**II. Board Resignation - Nia Weeks**

**A. Board Member Resignation**

G. Jones Herbert made a motion to amend the agenda to include that the board accepted Nia Weeks' resignation.

T. Chase seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**III. Board Discussion Items:**

**A. Budget Presentation on Actuals for the Finance Committee - Mark Quinn**

Mr. Kyle Finke presented the budget-to-actuals report from the Finance Committee and developed by Sherah LoBoeuf of Ed Ops

**B. Updates to Banking Policies for Charter Schools**

The board discussed the state mandate for financial collateralization and the recent approval of the agreement from Chase.

**IV. Board Voting Items:**

**A. Vote on ACT 456 Policy - VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTINGS**

G. Jones Herbert made a motion to approve the policy as written with amendments to follow.

A. Utley seconded the motion.

The board discussed the new policy dictating cameras in the classroom (general education) and, more specifically, the camera surveillance of special education students and students with IEPs.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|------------------|--------|
| G. Jones Herbert | Aye    |
| T. Chase         | Aye    |
| A. Utley         | Aye    |
| B. Campbell      | Absent |
| N. Weeks         | Absent |
| A. Mendez        | Absent |
| M. Quinn         | Absent |
| K. Finke         | Aye    |
| S. Short         | Absent |

**B. Vote on New Banking Policies for Charter Schools**

K. Finke made a motion to grant Kaitlin Karpinski the authority to sign the Chase collateralization agreement on behalf of the board once it is formally received in writing.

G. Jones Herbert seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| S. Short         | Absent |
| G. Jones Herbert | Aye    |
| A. Utley         | Aye    |
| B. Campbell      | Absent |
| M. Quinn         | Absent |
| T. Chase         | Aye    |
| A. Mendez        | Absent |
| N. Weeks         | Absent |

**Roll Call**

K. Finke                      Aye

**C. Board will vote to amend the agenda for 2/28/2023**

**V. Executive Session**

**A. Executive Session**

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss matters related to personnel. As no action was taken there was no vote required upon re-entry into the general session.

**VI. Executive Director / School Leader Report:**

**A. Academic Update**

K. Karpinski reported on some celebrations and academic accomplishments of Rooted NOLA in the past quarter. A more extensive discussion of academic progress will take place at a later board meeting.

March 13th @ 4PM is the proposed time for the special academic meeting.

**B. Facility Update: Rooted School at SUNO**

There was an update on the agreement between SUNO and Rooted NOLA. Looking to the future, the hope is that our partnership will develop and flourish.

**C. Enrollment Initiatives Update: 23-24**

There was a discussion regarding the projected growth of Rooted NOLA in 2023 - 2024. Results from **OneApp** indicate an increased interest from students throughout the city.

- Student interest shows approximately 135% growth from 2022 - 2023.

**D. Rooted School Foundation Supports**

There was a discussion of the proposed RSF agreement moving forward in school year 2023 - 2024.

**VII. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Jones Herbert

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### **Documents used during the meeting**

- 2022\_10\_26\_board\_meeting\_minutes.pdf
- ACT\_456\_Policy\_Rooted\_School\_2022-23.docx
- ROOT\_-\_Monthly\_Presentation\_-\_October\_2022.pptx
- ROOT - Monthly Presentation - January 2023.pptx
- BESE\_Bulletin\_126\_Revision\_-\_Cash\_Management\_and\_Investments\_-\_Resource\_Links.docx
- Cash\_Management\_and\_Investment\_SAMPLE\_POLICY.doc
- ACT\_456\_Policy\_Rooted\_School\_2022-23.docx
- Cash\_Management\_and\_Investment\_SAMPLE\_POLICY.doc
- BESE\_Bulletin\_126\_Revision\_-\_Cash\_Management\_and\_Investments\_-\_Resource\_Links.docx
- ROOT\_-\_Monthly\_Presentation\_-\_October\_2022.pptx
- 2022\_10\_26\_board\_meeting\_minutes (1).pdf
- ROOT - Monthly Presentation - January 2023.pptx