

# Rooted School - New Orleans

## Minutes

### MEETING OF THE ROOTED SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Finance Committee & Committee-of-the-Whole

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday February 19, 2025 at 5:00 PM

#### Location

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

Rose Room (Tentatively)

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AND COMMITTEE-of-the-WHOLE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025 WILL BE AN IN-PERSON MEETING.

- THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 5:00 PM
- THE COMMITTEE-of-the-WHOLE MEETING WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 5:30 PM.

You may also join virtually using the link below with 24-Hour prior notification to the school office at 732-407-1212.

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pwd=Zy9veWdGS3Q3Q3Z5UjBsa2JVUzNYUT09&omn=85811522625](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2559449115?pwd=Zy9veWdGS3Q3Q3Z5UjBsa2JVUzNYUT09&omn=85811522625)

IMPORTANT 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 2024 - 2025, in person (unless otherwise designated), at 6701 Press Dr. in the College of Education Building & Human Development on SUNO's campus in the Rose Room (tentatively) on the 1st Floor.

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

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#### Directors Present

A. Utley, L. Diaz, M. Quinn, S. Glapion

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Ex Officio Members Present**

F. Ingargiola, K. Karpinski

**Non Voting Members Present**

F. Ingargiola, K. Karpinski

**Guests Present**

Andrew Legrand, Collette Tippy, D. Brown (remote), Dave Cash, Jada Lundy, Mary Phillips

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

M. Quinn called a meeting of the board of directors of Rooted School - New Orleans to order on Wednesday Feb 19, 2025 at 5:38 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

L. Diaz made a motion to approve the minutes from MEETING OF THE ROOTED SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS on 10-30-24.

A. Utley seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Utley    Aye

S. Glapion    Aye

L. Diaz    Aye

M. Quinn    Aye

**II. PUBLIC FORUM - #1**

**A. Notes from the Public Forum (If Applicable)**

Our Public Comment period is for members of the public to address the board.

- Each member of the public must sign up to comment at the meeting and will be allotted a maximum of three - five minutes to address the board.

- The board will listen, but will not directly respond to any comments.
- Please do not use specific student, teacher or administrator names in your comments as our meetings are open to the public and public record, and we must adhere to FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

As such, if your comment is about a private matter, please contact the board via email, or speak to the board chair privately.

**There was no public comment during this portion of the meeting.**

### **III. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **A. Mission Moment**

Kaitlin spoke of Lionel Green - Class of 2022 and his successes after high school and post-pandemic.

#### **B. Finance Committee FY 2024 - 2025 Budget Update - DISCUSSION**

Shannon Glapion provided a short overview of the Finance Committee Report.

- There were two financial projections highlighting both a best and worst case scenario.
- December's projection constituted the best case scenario.
- January's projection constituted the worst case scenario [-51% reduction in cash-on-hand]
- Ms. Karpinski has been in discussions with Nyesha Veal about putting a hold on the DLFA reductions.

#### **C. Facility Committee Report**

There was no Facility Committee meeting since the previous board meeting.

- Frank Ingargiola did a walk-through of the old Lycee Francais building with Mr. Derrick James of NOPS.
- This site was not viable based on the size of the facility and the current condition of the building.

#### **D. FIRST READING - Board Policy - Immigration Enforcement and Student Rights - 2025**

The board was provided a draft version of the proposed ICE policy.

- Ms. Karpinski included walk-in item that included information for bus drivers.
- This item will be included in the policy and in the packet.
- The board made the suggestion that the SUNO PD review the policy as well.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of Progress on U.T.N.O. Negotiations**

##### **A. Move to Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations and Progress on the CBA**

S. Glapion made a motion to move into Executive Session.

L. Diaz seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

L. Diaz     Aye

M. Quinn   Aye

S. Glapion   Aye

A. Utley     Aye

#### **V. BOARD ACTION ITEM(S):**

##### **A. Vote on Luther Speight Audit & 990 - Board Approval Vote**

- Final 990 Report has not yet submitted to the Board or the school administration.
- No action taken.

##### **B. Review & Approve Budget Amendment(s)**

- There are no budget amendments to be advanced at this time.
- This does not preclude the likely need for a future amendment.
- No action taken.

Lucas Diaz made a motion to move back into public session.

Shannon Galpion seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously and the board moved into public session.

Mark Quinn made a motion to table board action items A & B.

Shannon Galpion seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously and the board tabled both items.

#### **VI. School Leader and Executive Director Report**

**A. Rooted School's School Leader/Executive Director:**

Rooted School's School Leader/Executive Director will present the Q2 2024 academic report, including updates on:

- Enrollment = 157 Students as of 2/19/2025
- Attendance = 94% on Average
- Academic Progress = Discussion of the charter renewal process and progress toward that goal

**VII. PUBLIC FORUM #2:**

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**VIII. 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 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Quinn

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- December Executive Report.pdf

- December Key Performance Indicators.pdf
- January Executive Summary.pdf
- January Key Performance Indicators.pdf
- REVISED - School Policy on Interactions with Law Enforcement and Immigration Authorities.pdf