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# Rooted School - New Orleans

## Minutes

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

### Location

Rooted School @ SUNO  
College of Education and Human Development  
6701 Press Dr.  
New Orleans, LA 70126

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**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](mailto:frontoffice@rootedschool.org)

Frank Ingargiola is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Rooted School Board of Directors Meeting

Time: **Wednesday, February 4, 2026 @ 5:00 PM** Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uUE3X\\_5PR8u\\_uSW0mo\\_fKA](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.

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**Directors Present**

A. Alexis, H. Campbell, M. Quinn, N. Patrick, S. Glapion

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Ex Officio Members Present**

F. Ingargiola

**Non Voting Members Present**

F. Ingargiola

**Guests Present**

Alana Alexis Britt - Rooted School Sophomore, J. Daschbach (remote), K. Karpinski

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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 4, 2026 at 5:11 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

H. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from MEETING OF THE ROOTED SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS on 01-14-26.

S. Glapion seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Quinn Aye

A. Alexis Aye

H. Campbell Aye

S. Glapion Aye

N. Patrick Aye

- D. There was a walk-in item to discuss the Rooted School New Orleans counter-proposal regarding the recent Rooted School Foundation fundraising proposal.**

**II. SPECIAL ACTION SESSION ITEM - VOTE ON MS. ASHLEY ALEXIS TO THE ROOTED SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**A. Vote on Ms. Ashley Alexis to the Rooted School Board of Directors**

N. Patrick made a motion to approve Ashley Alexis to the Rooted School Board of Directors as of the 02/04/2026 public meeting.

H. Campbell seconded the motion.

Ms. Patick provided an overview of her mission, vision and passion for public education and for Rooted School.

Ms. Alexis also has a student currently attending Rooted School.

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

**Roll Call**

H. Campbell Aye

N. Patrick Aye

A. Alexis Abstain

M. Quinn Aye

S. Glapion Aye

**III. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Rooted School Mission Moment with Ashley Alexis & Alana Britt:**

- Alana Britt, Rooted School sophomore, spoke to her experiences at Rooted School and to her support for the mission of financial freedom.
- Ms. Britt discussed her experiences with "The Food Truck Project" and her personal growth regarding this real-world learning experience.
- Alana's mother shared how Rooted School has helped her daughter grow and mature and become more social.

**B.**

## **Budget & Enrollment Update - Overview of Current 2025 - 2026 and Projected 2026 - 2027 Budget**

Joe Daschbach of EdOps presented on:

- Budget update and overview for FY 2025 - 2026
- Update on 70% administrative threshold - (See PPT Attachment)
- Budget amendment - Frank Ingargiola presented on the possibility of a budget amendment:
  1. Rooted School counsel was contacted for additional clarity on LA budget amendment regulations.
  2. The determination was made that we would review the issue again in March after the 2/1 adjustments to the DLFA distribution.
  3. There was no need to a budget amendment at this time.

### **C. Update on Draft CSAF, Charter Renewal Timeline / Process & Enrollment**

Ms. Karpinski, Rooted School Executive Director, will presented on following:

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

## **IV. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: ACTION SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

### **A. CONSENT AGENDA - BOARD APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS OVER \$10,000 THRESHOLD**

H. Campbell made a motion to approve those contracts exceeding the \$10,000 limit listed in the addendum as per the Rooted School Finance Handbook.

S. Glapion seconded the motion.

The Board will vote to approve all contracts exceeding the Rooted School \$10,000 finance policy threshold as part of a consent agenda.

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

#### **Roll Call**

N. Patrick    Aye  
H. Campbell    Aye  
A. Alexis    Aye  
M. Quinn    Aye  
S. Glapion    Aye

### **B. BOARD INVESTMENT UPDATE & VOTE**

A. Alexis made a motion to increase the investment in LAMP by an additional \$100,000K.

S. Glapion seconded the motion.

**Transaction #2 for FY 2026:**

The board was asked to consider investing [additional dollar amount to be determined] in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (L.A.M.P.)

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

**Roll Call**

N. Patrick Aye  
H. Campbell Aye  
S. Glapion Aye  
M. Quinn Aye  
A. Alexis Aye

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

**A. FOLLOW-UP ON BOARD CONFIGURATION**

- Ms. Karpinski discussed the need for 2 additional Board members - Goal 7 Board Members by June.
- More support will be needed from Board members to find our final 2 additional members.

**B. FOLLOW-UP ON ENROLLMENT & FUNDRAISING**

Ms. Karpinski presented on:

1. Media Spotlights
2. Current Fundraising Efforts

**C. FOLLOW-UP ON RESULTS OF NOPS SITE VISITATION / AUDIT**

Ms. Karpinski presented on:

1. Follow-up NOPS visit with Seth Paddock
2. Follow-up NOPS visit with Max Deigh

**D. FOLLOW-UP ON CHARTER RENEWAL PROCESS**

Ms. Karpinski presented on:

1. Challenges facing Rooted with enrollment
2. Breakdown of the pathway to a "B" SPS score - 2026
3. LDOE / NOPS metrics for renewal

**VI. 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,  
H. Campbell

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

- 2026\_01\_14\_board\_meeting\_minutes.pdf
- 1E FY2023-2024 70 Percent Instructional Hist Sum NOLA 1E (1).pdf
- ROOT - Monthly Presentation - December 2025\_Final.pptx
- Contract List.pdf
- 09.25 - LAMP Newsletter.pdf
- Louisiana Asset Management Pool Inc. (LAMP).pdf
- January\_2026\_LAMP\_Newsletter.pdf

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