

APPROVED

Rooted School - New Orleans

Minutes

MEETING OF THE ROOTED SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This meeting was originally scheduled for 12/10/2025

Date and Time

Wednesday January 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location

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

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

*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

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=c6FWsELV9fWMrHKpzCUeR7K2HmGlmF.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.

Directors Present

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

J. Daschbach (remote), K. Karpinski

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 Jan 14, 2026 at 5:11 PM.

C.

Approve Minutes

S. Glapion made a motion to approve the minutes from Rooted School Board of Directors: Committee of the Whole on 10-29-25.

N. Patrick seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

N. Patrick Aye

S. Glapion Aye

M. Quinn Aye

H. Campbell Aye

II. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

A. Rooted School Mission Moment with Khloe Cola:

Junior, Khloe Cola spoke about her Rooted School experience and her work in the NOCC student pre-nursing program.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spoke about her life experiences that drew her to nursing.
- Discussed how Rooted School helped to ignite a passion for nursing.
- Ms. Cola described a day in the life of a Rooted student with shared academic program responsibilities.

B. Budget & Enrollment Update - Overview of Current 2025 - 2026 and Projected 2026 - 2027 Budget

Joe Daschbach, School Finance Manager from Ed Ops, presented an overview of the 2025 - 2026 budget [Q2].

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Enrollment as of 10/1 = 137
- The original budget forecast was projected at 155 students.
- Enrollment is down city-wide and state-wide.
- After an additional review, there may be a need to request a Board-approved budget amendment.
- January and February will be spent looking for additional budget savings to offset the projected 180K swing caused by lower enrollment.

C. Draft Policies - Second Readings - AI Policy, Parent & Family Engagement Policy and Act 680 Policy

The draft policies [attached] will be voted on in the action session of this meeting.

III. PUBLIC MEETING PORTION: ACTION SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

A. CONSENT AGENDA - 2nd READING AND ADOPTION OF NEW/REVISED POLICIES

N. Patrick made a motion to approve the following 3 policies via a consent agenda: I. AI Policy II. Parent & Family Engagement Policy III. Act 680 - Given Name Act Policy.

S. Glapion seconded the motion.

I. AI Policy:

The Board voted to approve the policy as written as part of a consent agenda item.

II. Parent & Family Engagement Policy:

- *The Board voted to approve the policy as written as part of a consent agenda item.*

III. Act 680 - Given Name Act Policy:

- *The Board voted to approve the policy as written as part of a consent agenda item.*

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

Roll Call

M. Quinn Aye

N. Patrick Aye

H. Campbell Aye

S. Glapion Aye

B. BOARD INVESTMENT UPDATE & VOTE

Shannon Glapion made a motion to invest \$100,000 in the Louisiana Asset Management Program [LAMP] with Mark acting as the signatory for the application.

The motion was seconded by Nikkia Patrick.

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

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

A. FOLLOW-UP ON BOARD CONFIGURATION

Ms. Karpinski discussed:

ACADEMICS:

- The SPS formula for assessing schools
- The Rooted School Accountability Scorecard
- The impact of Leap scores on the school's SPS
- The new evaluation bands - Growth vs. Proficiency vs. Thriving

COMPLIANCE:

- The need for 2 additional Board members [Charter Compliance]
- NOPS site visitation = 100% compliance

B. FOLLOW-UP ON ENROLLMENT & FUNDRAISING

As of 1/14/2026, current enrollment = 139

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

NOPS site visitation = 100% compliance

D. FOLLOW-UP ON CHARTER RENEWAL PROCESS

Charter renewal is projected for Fall 2026.

V. 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,
M. Quinn

Documents used during the meeting

- ROOT - Monthly Presentation - October 2025_BoardFinal.pptx
- SECOND READING - AI POLICY.pdf
- SECOND READING - 2026 PAFE POLICY.pdf
- SECOND READING - ACT 680 POLICY.pdf
- SECOND READING - AI POLICY.pdf
- SECOND READING - 2026 PAFE POLICY.pdf
- SECOND READING - ACT 680 POLICY.pdf
- BESE Bulletin 126 Revision - Cash Management and Investments.pdf

- DRAFT - Rooted School Cash Management and Investment Policy.pdf
 - LAMP-Account-Application-Registration-Form.pdf
 - 09.25 - LAMP Newsletter.pdf
 - LAMP Audit.pdf
 - LAMP PPT 1.pdf
 - Q1 2025 LAMP Economic Summary.pdf
 - Louisiana Asset Management Pool Inc. (LAMP).pdf
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