



Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School

Governance Board In-person Retreat

At The First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces
200 E. Boutz Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88005

July 18, 2026, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Mission Statement of the Raíces Governance Board

To collaborate with staff to promote school financial sustainability, student academic success, and the development of healthy communities and successful lifelong learners in support of the school mission.

The mission of Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School

Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School is to implement a developmentally appropriate, rigorous academic program through an interdisciplinary curriculum that is experiential, participatory, biliterate, child-centered, and culturally responsive. Our students learn Spanish and English, achieving academic proficiency in all subjects in both languages as they develop critical and creative thinking skills.

Raíces creates an environment where students and parents are valued as participants in constructing knowledge and creating a learning community that promotes high academic performance, positive identity formation, and the reclaiming of cultural heritage.

Governance Board Officers:

Eric Rodríguez – Chairman
Ismael Camacho- Vice-Chair
María Elena Garza – Treasurer
Verónica Gallegos – Secretary

Board Members at Large:

Juan Pablo Santana
JT Perez

AGENDA

Roll Call and Call to Order

Action

1. *Conflict of Interest Declaration*

2. *Approval of the Retreat Meeting Agenda for July 18, 2026.*

Action

3. *Public Input* – (See rules for public input at the end of the agenda)

4. **No Action Governance Board Retreat:** Established as a work session to focus on training, Sustainability, Strategic Planning, and Team Building. No votes are taken.

5. **Establish Ground Rules:** Before diving into the agenda, set team norms—such as active listening, not interrupting, and agreeing to support ultimate board decisions—to foster a respectful, collaborative atmosphere. Are there any items to add?

Discussion

6. General items to be discussed during the first part of the morning:

Discussion

7. From 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, a Sustainability Workshop, presented by State Senator Carrie Hamblen.

Discussion

8. *Reminder of date of the Next Governance Board Meeting* - (July 23, 2026, at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom Meeting).
9. *Adjourn*

Procedures for Public Input - (based on the *Raíces Public Input Policy in compliance with the NMSA 1978, 22-5-4 and NMSA 1978, 10-:15-1.*)

- Those who want to give public input should arrive before the meeting begins to sign up to speak.
- The Governance Board Chair will determine the speakers' time, taking into account the number of people who sign up to speak and the time allocated for public input. It is normally 3 minutes per individual or 5 minutes per group. Those who attend the meeting virtually and wish to speak can join the Zoom Chat.
- Interpretation services will be available in English and Spanish as needed. *
- Issues that arise based on public input may be discussed by the Board, but cannot be voted on during the meeting if the topic/item does not appear on the agenda posted 72 hours ahead of the Board Meeting and approved by the Board preceding the public input period. It can be requested as an agenda item for a future meeting.

*If you are an individual with a disability who needs a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or listen to the meeting, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Community Engagement, Lucia V. Carmona, at lcarmona@raicesdelsaber.org or call (575-522-0538) at least 48 hours before the meeting or as soon as possible. Go to the Raíces website (www.raicesdelsaber.org) for the public input policy.

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