



SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Roots Public Charter School (Roots PCS) to amend its charter by modifying its goals and academic achievement expectations (charter goals). The school submitted its request on May 20, 2025.¹

Currently in its 26th year of operation, Roots PCS educates 76 students in grades PK3 – 5 at a single campus and facility in Ward 4. Roots PCS’s mission is to:

offer a culturally relevant (African-Centered) and academically stimulating curriculum. We seek to promote and secure the connection of mother Africa within our children: Prepare students to break the chains of psychological conditioning that attempts to keep them powerless in all phases of society; Provide students with a strong African-Centered learning environment; Guide students toward academic excellence, exemplary character, and social responsibility; Encourage success leading to self-reliance and economic, social, and political contributions to society.

Roots PCS seeks to remove its special education Quality Assurance Review (QAR) goal and replace its mission-specific goal because the goals are outdated and lack measurable criteria. The school also seeks to revise its state assessment and English Language Arts (ELA) progress goals. Roots PCS proposes minor updates to its state assessment goal to enhance clarity and accuracy. The school proposes modifying its ELA progress goal because its previous curriculum and assessment tool, Journeys, was discontinued by the publisher following SY 2023 – 24. Additionally, the school proposes adding business rules for all goals to ensure transparency and consistency in data collection and calculation processes between the school and DC PCSB.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on June 23, 2025 at 5 p.m. The vote will be on August 25, 2025 at 6 p.m. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the virtual meetings.

¹ Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter.

HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS: You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.²

1. Testify during the public meeting on June 23, 2025. To register, please visit <https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment>. Click “Sign up to Testify at the Meeting,” then complete the form. Please note you must sign up no later than noon on June 23, 2025.
2. Submit a written comment on or before 11:59 pm the day before the public meeting via:
 - a. “Submit a Written Comment” at <https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment>.
 - b. Postal mail, hand delivery, or courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 100 M Street SE, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20003
3. Submit voicemail testimony by calling (202) 328-2660 and select option 2. You will have up to five minutes to record your testimony. All comments will be transcribed and made available to the public upon receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Starling Temp, a Senior Specialist in the School Performance Department, at stemp@dcpcsb.org.

² DC PCSB reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscenities.