

# Attendance Marking Error Fix Applied

## Issue Resolved

**Error:** "Failed to update attendance record: null value in column 'roster\_id' of relation 'attendance' violates not-null constraint"

## Root Cause

The error occurred because attendance records were being created without including the required `roster_id` field. The database has a NOT NULL constraint on the `roster_id` column, but the application code was not populating this field during attendance marking operations.

## Fix Applied

### 1. Identified All Attendance Insert Operations

Found three locations where attendance records are created:

- `recordAttendance()` function in `attendanceUtils.ts`
- `singleScanAttendance()` function in `attendanceUtils.ts`
- `createFirstCheckIn()` function in `scan.ts` API

### 2. Added Roster Retrieval Logic

For each function that creates attendance records:

- Added roster lookup to get the employee's active roster
- Added validation to ensure roster exists before proceeding
- Added proper error handling for missing rosters

### 3. Updated Insert Data Objects

Modified all attendance insert operations to include:

```
const insertData = {  
  employee_id: employeeId,  
  roster_id: roster.id, // Added to satisfy NOT NULL constraint  
  date: currentDate,  
  // ... other fields  
};
```

## Technical Details

### Files Modified

#### 1. `src/utils/attendanceUtils.ts`

**Function:** `recordAttendance()`

- Added roster retrieval using existing `getEmployeeRoster()` function
- Included `roster_id: roster.id` in `insertData`

**Function:** `singleScanAttendance()`

- Added roster retrieval using existing `getEmployeeRoster()` function
- Added roster validation with proper error handling
- Included `roster_id: roster.id` in `insertData`

#### 2. `src/pages/api/attendance/scan.ts`

**Function:** `createFirstCheckIn()`

- Added roster lookup query to get active roster for employee
- Added roster validation with `AttendanceError` on failure
- Included `roster_id: roster.id` in `insertData`

## Database Constraint

```
COLUMN roster_id UUID NOT NULL  
CONSTRAINT attendance_roster_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY (roster_id)  
REFERENCES rosters(id)
```

## Error Handling





- **Missing Roster:** Functions now throw descriptive errors when no active roster is found
- **Database Validation:** NOT NULL constraint prevents any future roster\_id omissions
- **User Experience:** Clear error messages help identify roster configuration issues

## Impact





### Before Fix

- Attendance marking would fail with database constraint violation
- Users would see "null value in column 'roster\_id'" error
- Operations would be blocked completely


### After Fix

-  **Attendance Marking Works:** All attendance operations include required roster\_id
-  **Proper Validation:** Clear error messages when roster is missing
-  **Data Integrity:** Database constraints are satisfied
-  **Comprehensive Coverage:** All attendance creation paths fixed

## Verification

-  All attendance insert operations now include roster\_id
-  Roster validation added with proper error handling
-  Database constraint requirements satisfied
-  No breaking changes to existing functionality

## Status

 **FIXED** - The attendance marking error has been completely resolved. All attendance record creation operations now properly include the required roster\_id field.

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