



Strong Start Academy

STRONG START ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TONY HSIEH EDUCATION CENTER

BOARD MEETING AGENDA 03/13/25

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Date and Time

Thursday March 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM PDT

Location

City Hall, 495 S. Main Street, Training Room 3, Las Vegas, NV

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:00 PM
A. Call the Meeting to Order		Lorna James-Cervantes	5 m
B. Record Attendance		Lorna James-Cervantes	1 m
C. Public Comment		Lorna James-Cervantes	3 m

Purpose Presenter Time

Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, will be limited to three (3) minutes absent Board approval. Public comment may also be given by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering access code number 2660 574 1983 followed by the # sign.

D. Approve Minutes from February 13, 2025 Board Meeting.	Approve Minutes	Lorna James-Cervantes	1 m
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II. Finance 5:10 PM

A. Report by Kristin Dietz from EdTec on Strong Start Academy budget and financial reports.	Discuss	Kristin Dietz	10 m
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B. Discussion for possible action to approve amended budget for FY 2024-2025.	Vote	Kristin Dietz	5 m
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C. Update on status of Charter School Chart of Accounts Corrective Action Plan required by Nevada Department of Education.	FYI	Kristin Dietz	5 m
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III. Executive Update 5:30 PM

A. Report by the Executive Director on the status of on-going marketing efforts, open-enrollment, and recruiting.	Discuss	Miriam Benitez	5 m
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B. Discussion for possible action to approve the updated Suspension and Appeals Policy.	Vote	Miriam Benitez	5 m
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C. Discussion for possible action to approve engagement with Tari Smethurst to provide educational consulting services for math instruction as needed.	Vote	Miriam Benitez	10 m
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D. Discussion for possible action to an updated attendance policy.	Vote	Miriam Benitez	5 m
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IV. Governance 5:55 PM

A. Discussion for possible action to designate the position of Gifted and Talented Education	Vote	Miriam Benitez	10 m
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(GATE) Teacher as one subject to a critical labor shortage as of February 03, 2025 pursuant to NRS 286.523 and to make all necessary findings attendant thereto for submission to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada.			
B. Discussion regarding Board committee updates and calendar events.	Discuss	Lorna James-Cervantes	15 m
C. Discussion for possible action to approve Attendance Policy.	Vote	Miriam Benitez	5 m
V. Facilities			6:25 PM
A. Report by the City of Las Vegas regarding status of construction of new building at Strong Start Academy.	FYI	Angela Rose	5 m
B. Report and discussion by the City of Las Vegas Legal Department regarding efforts to secure New Markets Tax Credits to assist with funding of Strong Start Academy facilities expansion.	Discuss	John Ridilla	5 m
VI. Citizens Participation			
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VII. Closing Items			
A. Adjourn Meeting	FYI		

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