



Strong Start Academy

STRONG START ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TONY HSIEH EDUCATION CENTER

BOARD MEETING AGENDA 10/09/2025

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Date and Time

Thursday October 9, 2025 at 5:00 PM PDT

Location

City Hall, 495 S Main St, 1st floor, Las Vegas, NV 89101

Agenda

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

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D.	Approve Minutes from September 11, 2025 and amended minutes from July 28, 2025 Board Meeting.	Approve Minutes Lorna James-Cervantes	1 m
II.	Finance		5:08 PM
A.	Report by Kristin Dietz from EdTec on Strong Start Academy financial update with FY26 forecast with actual spending through August, 2025.	Discuss Kristin Dietz	5 m
III.	Executive Update		5:13 PM
A.	Report by the Executive Director on the status of on-going marketing efforts, open-enrollment, and recruiting.	Discuss Miriam Benitez	5 m
B.	Discussion for possible action to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with S.A.F.E. House to provide services for the prevention of interpersonal violence/domestic violence.	Vote Miriam Benitez	5 m
C.	Report by the Executive Director regarding end of the year (2024-2025) student achievement data to include LAS Links Espanol results and beginning of the year iReady diagnostic results.	Discuss Miriam Benitez	5 m
D.	Discussion for possible action to approve the Title I School-Parent-Family Engagement Policy, English Language Policy, McKinney Vento Policy, and the Foster Care Policy.	Vote Miriam Benitez	7 m
IV.	Governance		5:35 PM

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A. Discussion regarding Board committee updates and calendar events.	Discuss	Lorna James-Cervantes	5 m
B. Discussion for possible action to open the Treasurer and President positions for expressions of interest from board members, and to conduct a vote on whether to retain the current officers in their roles. Corrective action from July 28, 2025 Board Meeting.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	3 m
C. Discussion for possible action to approve Strong Start Academy's revised fiscal policies and/or procedures.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	3 m
D. Closed session to discuss 2024 -2025 performance review of Executive Director, Miriam Benitez.	Discuss	Lorna James-Cervantes	10 m
E. Discussion for possible action to approve the 2024-2025 performance review of Executive Director, Miriam Benitez.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	5 m
V. Facilities			6:01 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
VI. Citizens Participation			
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VII. Closing Items			
A. Adjourn Meeting	FYI		

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