



Strong Start Academy

STRONG START ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TONY HSIEH EDUCATION CENTER

BOARD MEETING AGENDA 01/29/26

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Date and Time

Thursday January 29, 2026 at 9:00 AM PST

Location

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

Agenda

| | Purpose | Presenter | Time |
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| I. Opening Items | | | 9:00 AM |
| 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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| | | 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 338 4872 followed by the # sign. | | |
| D. | Approve Minutes from November 20, 2025 Board meeting. | Approve Minutes | Lorna James-Cervantes | 1 m |
| II. | Finance | | | 9:08 AM |
| A. | Report by Nandini Vaishnav from Vertex on Strong Start Academy financial update with FY26 forecast with actual spending through November 2025. | Discuss | Nandini Vaishnav | 5 m |
| III. | Executive Update | | | 9:13 AM |
| A. | Report by the Executive Director on the status of on-going marketing efforts, open-enrollment, and recruiting. | Discuss | Miriam Benitez | 5 m |
| B. | Report by the Executive Director regarding mid-year (2025-2026) student achievement data to include iReady diagnostic results in reading and math. | FYI | Miriam Benitez | 5 m |
| C. | Report by the Executive Director regarding 2024-2025 Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) results. | FYI | Miriam Benitez | 5 m |
| IV. | Governance | | | 9:28 AM |
| A. | Discussion regarding Board committee updates and calendar events. | Discuss | Lorna James-Cervantes | 5 m |
| V. | Facilities | | | 9:33 AM |

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| 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

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| A. Adjourn Meeting | FYI |
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