



## Strong Start Academy

# STRONG START ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TONY HSIEH EDUCATION CENTER

## BOARD MEETING AGENDA 03/12/2026

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### Date and Time

Thursday March 12, 2026 at 5:00 PM PDT

### Location

City Hall, 495 S. Main Street, 5th Floor Conference Room, Las Vegas, NV

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### Agenda

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

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| D. Approve Minutes from January 29, 2026 Board meeting.                 | Approve Minutes | Lorna James-Cervantes | 1 m |
| E. Approve AMENDED Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2025 Board Meeting | Approve Minutes |                       |     |

**II. Finance 5:08 PM**

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| A. Report by Nandini Vaishnav from Vertex Education on Strong Start Academy financial update with FY26 forecast with actual spending through January 2026. | Discuss | Nandini Vaishnav | 5 m |
| B. Report by Nandini Vaishnav of Vertex Education providing an overview of FY27 grant allocations and state funding with respect to teacher pay raises.    | FYI     | Nandini Vaishnav | 5 m |
| C. Discussion for possible action regarding pay raises for Strong Start Academy teachers and staff for the 2026-2027 school year.                          | Vote    |                  | 5 m |

**III. Executive Update 5:23 PM**

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| 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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**IV. Governance 5:28 PM**

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| A. Discussion for possible action regarding meeting structure for Board working groups and related matters. | Vote | Lorna James-Cervantes | 5 m |
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**V. Special Reports**

**5:33 PM**

<b>A.</b> Report by the City of Las Vegas regarding presentation summarizing the qualitative analysis of school data conducted by Harvard intern students in partnership with the City of Las Vegas.	FYI	Tammy Malich	10 m
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**VI. Citizens Participation**

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**VII. Closing Items**

<b>A.</b> Adjourn Meeting	FYI
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