



Strong Start Academy

STRONG START ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TONY HSIEH EDUCATION CENTER

BOARD MEETING AGENDA 04/09/2026

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Date and Time

Thursday April 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM PDT

Location

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

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
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

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 2661 459 1370 followed by the # sign.

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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 February 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 |
| D. Discussion for possible action to approve Strong Start Academy's tentative budget for FY 2026-2027. | Vote | Nandini Vaishnav | 5 m |

III. Executive Update 5:28 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 5:33 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Discussion for possible action regarding meeting structure for Board working groups and related matters.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	5 m
B. Discussion for possible action to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	5 m
C. Discussion for possible action to approve the Academic Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	5 m
V. Special Reports			5:48 PM
A. 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
VI. Citizens Participation			
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VII. Closing Items			
A. Adjourn Meeting	FYI		

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