



Strong Start Academy

STRONG START ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TONY HSIEH EDUCATION CENTER

BOARD MEETING AGENDA 05/14/2026

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Date and Time

Thursday May 14, 2026 at 5:15 PM PDT

Location

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

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:15 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

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.

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<p>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.</p>				
D.	Discussion for possible action to approve Minutes from April 09, 2026 Board meeting.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	1 m
II.	Finance			5:23 PM
A.	Discussion for possible action, following Budget Hearing, to approve Strong Start Academy's final budget for FY 2026-2027.	Vote	Nandini Vaishnav	5 m
B.	Report by Nandini Vaishnav from Vertex Education on Strong Start Academy financial update with FY26 forecast with actual spending through March 2026.	FYI	Nandini Vaishnav	5 m
III.	Executive Update			5:33 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 approve the Organizational Performance Framework Self-Certification Form.	Vote	Miriam Benitez	5 m
IV.	Governance			5:43 PM
A.	Discussion for possible action regarding renewal of agreement with BoardOnTrack and to authorize the President to execute any agreement properly related thereto.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	5 m
B.	Discussion for possible action to draft agenda for full-day Board Retreat scheduled for July, 2026.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	7 m
C.	Discussion regarding SPCSA requirements of annual completion of Board Member Disclosure Form.	FYI	Lorna James-Cervantes	3 m

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	The SPCSA requires that each current board member respond individually to the questionnaire and disclosure annually. This task is due for all current board members as of June 1st, regardless of when terms expire.			
D.	Discussion for possible action to designate the position of Executive Director as one subject to a critical labor shortage as of at least July 1, 2026 pursuant to NRS 286.523 and to make all necessary findings attendant thereto for submission to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	3 m
E.	Discussion for possible action to designate the position of Bilingual Teacher as one subject to a critical labor shortage as of at least July 1, 2026 pursuant to NRS 286.523 and to make all necessary findings attendant thereto for submission to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	3 m
F.	Discussion for possible action regarding renewal of agreement with Vertex and to authorize the President to execute any agreement properly related thereto.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	3 m
G.	Discussion for possible action regarding approval of annual audit contract and to authorize the President to execute any agreement properly related thereto.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	3 m
H.	Discussion for possible action to reappoint Board Members Dachresha Harris and Alee Moore to new terms.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	3 m

V. Special Reports

VI. Citizens Participation

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VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

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