



Strong Start Academy

STRONG START ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TONY HSIEH EDUCATION CENTER

BOARD MEETING AGENDA 08/13/2026

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Date and Time

Thursday August 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM PDT

Location

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

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

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| D. | Discussion for possible action to approve Minutes from July 22, 2026 Board meeting and Board Retreat meeting. | Vote | Lorna James-Cervantes | 1 m |
| E. | Discussion for possible action to approve AMENDED Minutes from November 20, 2025, and AMENDED Meeting Minutes from the May 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. | Vote | Lorna James-Cervantes | 2 m |

II.	Finance			5:10 PM
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| A. | Report by Nandini Vaishnav from Vertex Education on Strong Start Academy's financial update, including the FY2025–2026 unaudited actuals, the FY2026–2027 budget overview, and the financial forecast update through July 2026. | FYI | Nandini Vaishnav | 5 m |
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III.	Executive Update			5:15 PM
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| A. | Discussion for possible action to approve the Strong Start Academy Elementary School Parent Student Handbook, Employee Handbook, Restorative Justice Plan, the Suspension and Appeals Policy and Test Security Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year. | Vote | Miriam Benitez | 5 m |
| B. | Report by the Executive Director on the status of on-going marketing efforts, open-enrollment, and recruiting. | FYI | Miriam Benitez | 5 m |
| C. | Report by the Executive Director regarding the Summary of Whistleblower Protections for Testing Administration for the 2026-2027 school year. | FYI | Miriam Benitez | 5 m |

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IV. Governance	5:30 PM
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| A. | 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 |
| B. | Discussion for possible action to reappoint Board Members Dachresha Harris and Alea Moore to new terms. | Vote | Lorna James-Cervantes | 2 m |
| C. | Discussion and possible action to approve revisions to the previously adopted Governing Board meeting calendar for the 2026–2027 school year. | Vote | Lorna James-Cervantes | 5 m |

V. Special Reports

VI. Citizens Participation

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VII. Closing Items

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| A. | Adjourn Meeting | FYI |
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