



Strong Start Academy

STRONG START ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TONY HSIEH EDUCATION CENTER

BOARD MEETING AGENDA 09/10/2026

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Date and Time

Thursday September 10, 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 August 13, 2026 Board meeting. | Vote | Lorna James-Cervantes | 1 m |
| E. | Introduction of new board member, Kristie Cole who was recently approved by the City of Las Vegas City Council. | 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 FY2026-2027 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. | Report by the Executive Director on the status of on-going marketing efforts, open-enrollment, and recruiting. | FYI | Miriam Benitez | 5 m |
| B. | Discussion for possible action to approve the updated Student Lottery Policy. | Vote | Miriam Benitez | 5 m |
| C. | Discussion regarding the results of the FY27 Risk Assessment Designation based on data from Fiscal Year 2026 conducted by the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority. | Discuss | Miriam Benitez | 5 m |
| D. | Discussion for possible action to approve Foster Care Policy, McKinney-Vento Policy, and English Learner Policy. | Vote | Miriam Benitez | 5 m |
| E. | Discussion for possible action to approve the 26-27 Annual Written Test Security Notice. | Vote | Miriam Benitez | 2 m |

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F. Discussion for possible action to approve the Read By Grade 3 Local Literacy Plan (LLP).	Vote	Miriam Benitez	5 m
G. Discussion for possible action to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with S.A.F.E. House to provide services for the prevention of interpersonal violence/domestic violence.	Vote	Miriam Benitez	3 m
H. Discussion for possible action to review the Fiscal Policies and Procedures Self-Evaluation Checklist, as required by the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority, and approve revisions to the school's fiscal policies and procedures based on the findings of the self-evaluation.	Vote	Miriam Benitez	5 m

IV. Governance

5:50 PM

A. Discussion for possible action to review and approve proposed revisions, as necessary, to the Board Policy and Procedure Manual, Code of Ethics, and Bylaws.	Vote	Colleen McCarty	5 m
B. 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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