



Strong Start Academy

STRONG START ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TONY HSIEH EDUCATION CENTER

BOARD MEETING AGENDA 10/14/2026

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Date and Time

Wednesday October 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM PDT

Location

City Hall, 495 S Main St, 5th floor, Las Vegas, NV 89101

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
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| 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 |

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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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 2662 916 4491 followed by the # sign.				
D.	Discussion for possible action to approve Minutes from September 10, 2026 Board meeting.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	1 m
II.	Finance			5:08 PM
A.	Report by Nandini Vaishnav from Vertex Education on Strong Start Academy's financial update, including the FY2026-2027 forecast update through August 2026.	FYI	Nandini Vaishnav	5 m
III.	Executive Update			5:13 PM
A.	Report by the Executive Director on the status of on-going marketing efforts, open-enrollment, and recruiting.	FYI	Miriam Benitez	5 m
B.	Report by the Executive Director regarding end of the year (2025-2026) student achievement data to include SBAC results and Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) rating.	FYI	Miriam Benitez	5 m
IV.	Governance			5:23 PM
A.	Discussion for possible action to reappoint Board Member Kristie Cole to a new term.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	2 m
B.	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

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C. Discussion for possible action to approve the 2025-2026 performance review of Executive Director, Miriam Benitez.	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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