Strong Start Academy

STRONG START ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TONY HSIEH EDUCATION CENTER

BOARD MEETING AGENDA 10/14/2026

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Amended on October 8, 2026 at 3:09 PM PDT

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

REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION

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Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**5:00 PM**

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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. 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 953 8355 followed by the # sign.

D.	Discussion for possible action to approve Minutes from September 10, 2026 Board meeting.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	1 m
E.	Discussion for possible action to approve Minutes from the September 25, 2026 Finance Committee meeting.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	5 m

II. Finance — 5:13 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 — 5:18 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

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IV.	**Governance**			**5:28 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
C.	Discussion for posible action to approve the 2025-2026 performance review of Executive Director, Miriam Benitez.	Vote	Lorna James-Cervantes	5 m

V. Citizens Participation

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VI. Closing Items

A.	Adjourn Meeting	FYI

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AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

Strong Start Academy Elementary School website www.clvstrongstartes.org
Strong Start Academy Elementary School, 310 S. 9th Street, Las Vegas, NV
City Hall, 495 S. Main Street, 5th Floor Conference Room, Las Vegas, NV
The Nevada Public Notice website – notice.nv.gov

DECLARATION OF POSTING

Pursuant to NRS 53.045 and NRS 241.020, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct: The Public Notice and Agenda for the Strong Start Academy Elementary School Governing Board meeting scheduled for October 14, 2026, was posted on October 8, 2026, at the dates, times, and locations identified below.

Posting Location(s): 310 S. 9th Street, Las Vegas, NV, 89101
Date and Time of Posting: 10/8/26 at 3:05 pm.
Name and Title of Person Posting: Miriam Benitez, Executive Director
Digital Signature: Miriam Benitez

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Posting Location(s): 495 S. Main Street, Las Vegas, NV, 89101
Date and Time of Posting: 10/8/26 at 3:05 pm.
Name and Title of Person Posting: Angela Rose, Manager Education Initiatives, City of Las Vegas
Digital Signature: Angela Rose