

Workforce Development Board; Executive Committee
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

PRESENT: Isiah Gomer, William Hills, Justin McIntire, Verena Latona-Tahlman

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-002

**A RESOLUTION OF the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee
ACKNOWLEDGING
GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND
AUTHORIZING MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR A PERIOD OF
THIRTY DAYS PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

The following resolution is now offered and read:

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the proclaimed state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the "Brown Act"), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 that clarified the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, and further provided that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, allowing legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference if the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the

legislative body every thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Omicron variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than the original SARS-CoV-2 variant of the virus, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can be infected and may spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/omicron-variant.html>); and

WHEREAS, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Luis Obispo currently has a Community Transmission metric of “high” which is the most serious of the tiers; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee deems it necessary to find holding in person meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee that:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic issued by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, remains in effect.
3. The Planning Commission finds that the proclaimed state of emergency continues to impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

4. Staff is directed to return with an item for the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee to consider making the findings required by AB 361 to continue meeting under its provisions.

Upon call for a motion of Workforce Development Board Chairperson, Isiah Gomer, a motion was called by member Justin McIntire and seconded by William Hills, Vice-Chair of the Workforce Development Board, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Isiah Gomer, William Hills, Verena Latona-Tahlman, Justin McIntire

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.



Chairperson of the Workforce Development Board of SLO County

ATTEST:

[Insert appropriate attestation signature block]

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

By: 

Deputy County Counsel

Dated: 1/14/22