

Workforce Development Board
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Thursday November 4, 2021

PRESENT: Carl Dudley, Isiah Gomer, David Baldwin, Dr. James Brescia, Josh Cross, Rachael Hendricks, Melissa James, Verena Latona-Tahlman, Justin McIntire, Veronica Orozco, Ronald Reilly, Ryan Stanley, Dr. Jill Stearns, Angela Toomey, Patrick Woolpert

ABSENT: William Hills, Mark Simonin, Courtney Taylor

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD 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 Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can 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/delta-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 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 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. Based on the recitals above, the Workforce Development Board finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

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

Upon call for a motion by Workforce Development Board Chairperson Carl Dudley, a motion was called by member Dr. Jill Stearns and seconded by member Verena Latona-Tahlman, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:


AYES: Carl Dudley, Isiah Gomer, David Baldwin, Dr. James Brescia, Josh Cross, Rachael Hendricks, Melissa James, Justin McIntire, Veronica Orozco, Ronald Reilly, Ryan Stanley, Angela Toomey, Patrick Woolpert

NOES: N/A

ABSENT: William Hills, Mark Simonin, Courtney Taylor

ABSTAINING: N/A

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.



Chairperson of the Workforce Development Board

ATTEST:

[Insert appropriate attestation signature block]

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

By: 

Deputy County Counsel

Dated: November 4, 2021