



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.6

Meeting Date: October 21, 2021

Subject: Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 3237 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Legal

Recommendation: Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 3237: Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953

Background/Rationale: In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law, amending certain provisions in the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”) allowing public agencies to continue conducting remote virtual meetings during a state of emergency, without the need to comply with all of the Brown Act’s teleconferencing prerequisites, so long as certain requirements are met. Specifically, public agencies must make specific findings, every 30 days, and must ensure conditions related to public participation are satisfied.

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on September 30, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution 3230, finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. At the October 21, 2021 meeting, the Board will discuss and consider adopting Resolution 3231, to make a finding after reconsidering the state of emergency, that the current circumstances meet the requirements of AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 for the Board to continue conducting meetings remotely.

Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): N/A

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3237

Estimated Time of Presentation: 3 minutes
Submitted by: Raoul Bozio, In-House Counsel
Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 3237 AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED USE OF REMOTE
TELECONFERENCING PROVISIONS (AB 361)**

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Sacramento City Unified School District (“Governing Board”) is committed to open and transparent government, and full compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act generally requires that a public agency take certain actions in order to use teleconferencing to attend a public meeting virtually; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board recognizes that a local emergency persists due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has recognized the ongoing state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and has responded by creating an additional means for public meetings to be held via teleconference (inclusive of internet-based virtual meetings); and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the California legislature passed Assembly Bill (“AB”) 361, which amends Government Code, section 54953 and permits a local agency to use teleconferencing to conduct its meetings in any of the following circumstances: (A) the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; (B) the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or (C) the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Governing Board to use teleconferencing as allowed by AB 361 after October 1, 2021, it must first adopt findings in a resolution, allowing the Governing Board to conduct teleconferenced meetings for a period of thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency for the State of California due to the COVID-19 pandemic in his order entitled “Proclamation of a State of Emergency,” signed March 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board previously adopted Resolution Number 3230 on September 30, 2021, finding that the requisite conditions exist to conduct remote teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is conducting its meetings through the use of telephonic and internet-based services so that members of the public may observe and participate in meetings and offer public comment; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the continued use of the provisions found in Government Code section 54953(e), the Governing Board must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and find that either it continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and fully incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the actions taken by the Governing Board through this Resolution may be applied to all District committees governed by the Brown Act unless otherwise desired by that committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent or their designee(s) to take all actions necessary to continue to conduct Governing Board meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act, using teleconferencing for a period of thirty (30) days from the adoption of this Resolution, after which the Governing Board will reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Governing Board on this 21 day of October 2021, by the following vote:

AYES _____

NOES _____

ABSENT _____

ABSTAIN _____

Christina Pritchett
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

Jorge A. Aguilar
Secretary of the Board of Education