

RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZING STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361

WHEREAS, the Orange County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) is committed to ensuring public access and participation in meetings of the County Committee;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pursuant to Government Code section 8625; and

WHEREAS, on Sept. 16, 2021, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which amended provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”), allowing legislative bodies to meet remotely via teleconferencing outside the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b), if the legislative body makes a finding that there is a proclaimed State of Emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures, or (2) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County Committee believes the spread of COVID-19 poses an imminent risk to the health and safety of in person meeting attendees; and

WHEREAS, the County Committee will conduct virtual meetings by way of telephonic and/or internet-based services as to allow members of the public to fully participate in meetings and offer public comment.

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 County Committee recognizes that a State of Emergency in the State of California continues to exist due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Committee finds that holding in-person meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the cause of the State of Emergency and that the cause of the State of Emergency directly impacts the ability of the County Committee Members to meet safely in person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Committee authorizes the use of teleconferencing for all meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act, for a period of thirty (30) days from the adoption of this resolution, or such a time that the Governing Board adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Adopted this 14th day of the month of January in 2022.

Motion made by:

Second made by:

List members voting “aye:”

List members voting “no:”

List members abstaining:

List members not present: