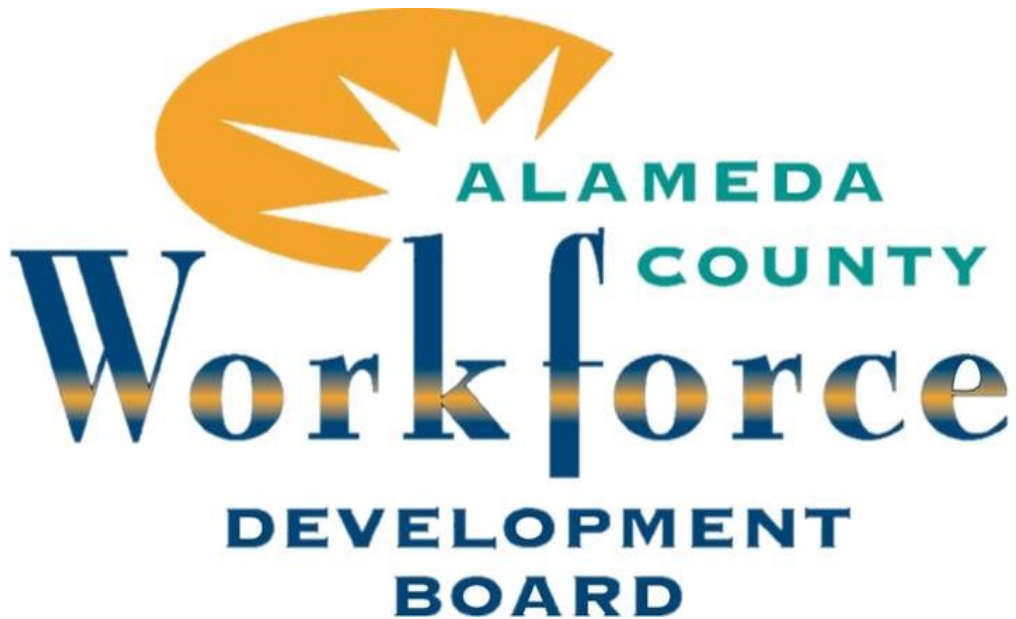


SPECIAL MEETING



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**October 27, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

**ALAMEDA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB)
SPECIAL MEETING**

MEETING NOTICE
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
9:00 – 9:30 A.M.
Eden Area Multi-Service Center
The lobby of this building is closed due to the COVID-19.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81832611717?pwd=SFBYUi9aMDFZMjZJWjREQVVIMGxwQT09>

Passcode: 448702 | Meeting ID: 818 3261 1717| +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

If you would like to make a public comment, please contact Board Secretary, Sheroza Haniff at Sheroza.Haniff@acgov.org to request a speaker card prior to the meeting

AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. PUBLIC FORUM

The public can address the Board on issues other than those on the agenda, with a limit of three minutes per speaker. Members of the public who wish to address the Board on published issues should do so at the time the agenda item is being discussed.

III. ACTION ITEMS / PUBLIC HEARING

A. Findings to Continue Meeting by Teleconference

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Please call Sheroza Haniff at (510) 259-3842 if you would like to request the material that will be discussed at this meeting.

*These WIOA Title I financially assisted programs or activities are “Equal Opportunity Employers/Programs”.
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.*

If you require specific accommodations due to a disability, please call Sheroza Haniff at least 72 hours in advance.

ITEM III.B. – ACTION / PUBLIC HEARING

FINDINGS TO CONTINUE MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Alameda County Workforce Development Board (ACWDB):

1. Reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency issued by the Governor due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
2. Find that state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
3. Find that on 09/28/2021 the County Board of Supervisors (BOS or Board) adopted the Health Care Services Agency Director’s recommendation that the BOS implement social distancing for its meetings.
4. Find that the same reasons stated by the BOS, the same rationale also applies for the meetings of the ACWDB and its committees.

BACKGROUND:

Since March 2020, social distancing measures were implemented for all meetings of the BOS and Board Committees, a compliance measure during the state of emergency to combat the spread of COVID-19. On September 28, 2021, based upon the recommendation from the Health Care Services Agency Director, the BOS took the appropriate action as required by Assembly Bill No. 361 (AB 361) which amended the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act). This amendment relaxed the Brown Act’s teleconferencing requirements to allow public meetings to convene virtually on the condition that the required findings be ratified every 30 days by the appropriate legislative body. With this action, the ACWDB and its committees may continue to do as follows:

- To meet virtually
- The members of the ACWDB/committees do not have to be physically in the County during the meeting
- Their locations do not have to be on the notice as a teleconference site
- A video or phone call in line needs to be identified on the agenda for the public to access and participate in public comment
- All actions taken by the ACWDB/committees must be done by roll-call voting

For more information please contact, Rhonda Boykin, Interim Director at (510) 259-3844 or through email at rboykin@acgov.org.

ATTACHMENT:

III.B.1. Alameda County Board of Supervisors Minute Order and Recommendation Letter from the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency



AGENDA ___September 28, 2021

OFFICE OF THE AGENCY DIRECTOR
1000 San Leandro Blvd., Suite 300
San Leandro, CA 94577
TEL (510) 618-3452
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September 23, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY DIRECTOR FOR CONTINUED SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and accept the recommendation of the Health Care Services Agency Director for continued social distancing at all meetings of the full Board of Supervisors and at all Board of Supervisors Committee meetings.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY

In light of the continued state of emergency related to COVID-19, the Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) Director recommends that your Board continue to impose the social distancing measures that were initially adopted in March 2020 for all meetings of the Board of Supervisors and Board Committee meetings, until your Board – in consultation with the HCSA Director – concludes that such measures are no longer necessary. The HCSA Director makes this recommendation to comply with newly enacted urgency legislation establishing new requirements for teleconferenced (remote) meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This recommendation is based on the continued threat of COVID-19 to the community, the unique characteristics of public governmental meetings (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings), and the continued increased safety protection that social distancing provides as one method to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

BACKGROUND

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order proclaiming a state of emergency in California as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This emergency declaration remains in effect. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which allowed local agencies subject to the Brown Act to hold their meetings remotely, without providing a physical location for

members of the public to gather and participate, so long as there were telephonic means to allow public participation and protect citizens' statutory and constitutional rights. Your Board held its first telephonic meeting with no in-person public participation on April 21, 2020 and has continued the practice since. On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 which similarly governed the convening of public meetings and modified the permissions of Executive Order N-29-20 to allow for continued use of teleconferenced meetings by local agencies subject to the Brown Act.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021), which amended the Brown Act to allow for continued use of teleconferenced meetings by Brown Act bodies without providing a physical meeting location for the public through January 31, 2024, under certain conditions. The permitting conditions include factors such as a continued declaration of emergency, and a local official recommending measures for social distancing.

As HCSA and the Health Officer have reported to your Board, the highly transmissible SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant has been circulating in the County of Alameda since April 2021. While the risk for COVID-19 infection is highest among unvaccinated residents (and the vaccination rates in our County are relatively high) over one-third of COVID-19 infections are among fully vaccinated persons. Among vaccinated persons, older adults are at the highest risk for severe illness resulting from COVID-19 infection.

Accordingly, the HCSA Director recommends that social distancing measures adopted in the early days of the pandemic remain in place for meetings of your Board and Board Committees. This recommendation is consistent with the Division of Occupational Safety and Health of California's (Cal/OSHA) Emergency Temporary Standards, which require employers to train and instruct employees that the use of social distancing helps combat the spread of COVID-19 (8 Cal. Code Regs. 3205(c)(5)(D)). Under the requirements of AB 361, no later than 30 days after the September 28 meeting, and again every 30 days thereafter for as long as this recommendation remains in place, your Board will need to reconsider the state of emergency, and whether (a) the emergency directly impacts the ability of members to safely meet in person; or (b) social distancing measures are still recommended at Board and Board Committee meetings.

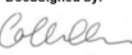
FINANCING

Acceptance of this recommendation will have no impact on net County cost.

VISION 2026 GOAL

Acceptance of this recommendation will prevent potential spread of COVID-19 in the Board's public meetings, and thus advances the 10X Vision 2026 Goal pathway of **Accessible Infrastructure** in support of our shared visions of a **Thriving & Resilient Population** and **Safe & Livable Communities**.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Chawla, Director
Health Care Services Agency