

Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Body Brown Act Requirements

Traditional rules for teleconferencing are found in Government Code section 54953

- 1. Post agendas at all teleconference locations;
- 2. Publish each teleconference location on the agenda;
- 3. Make each teleconference location open to the public; and
- 4. Take votes by roll call.
- 5. At least a quorum shall participate in person.

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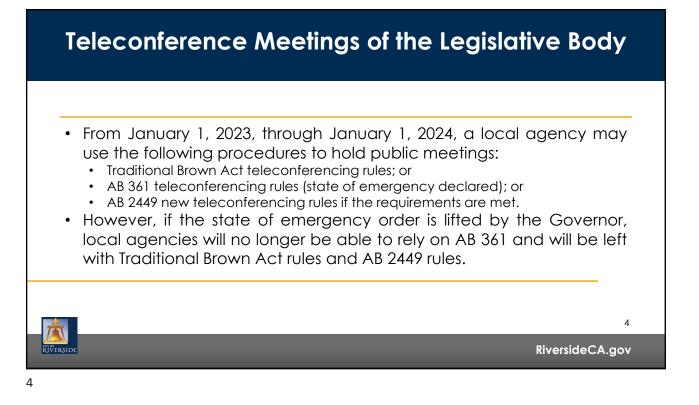
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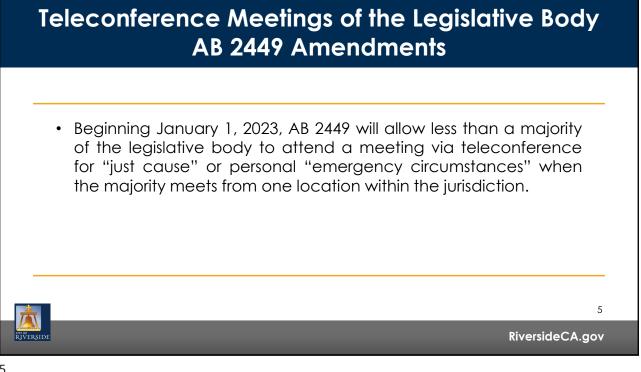
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- While a state of emergency is in place, AB 361 relaxed these traditional rules and made it easier to teleconference. (no in-person quorum).
- Give notice and post the agenda as required by law.
- Provide the public virtual or telephonic access to address the body; and
- Not take any action during broadcast interruptions.
- Review the state of emergency every 30 days regarding health measures.
- AB 361 sunsets on January 1, 2024, or expires when the state of emergency is lifted.



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Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Body AB 2449 Amendments

- The legislative body must be notified as early as possible of "Just Cause" and is defined as:
- 1. Caregiving for a child, spouse, parent, grandparent, grandchild, or domestic partner that requires remote attendance;
- 2. Contagious illness;
- 3. Physical or mental disability; or
- 4. Traveling for public business.
- This exemption may not be used by a member more than 2 meetings within one calendar year.

*Legislative body does not need to take action to allow member to attend virtually under these circumstances.



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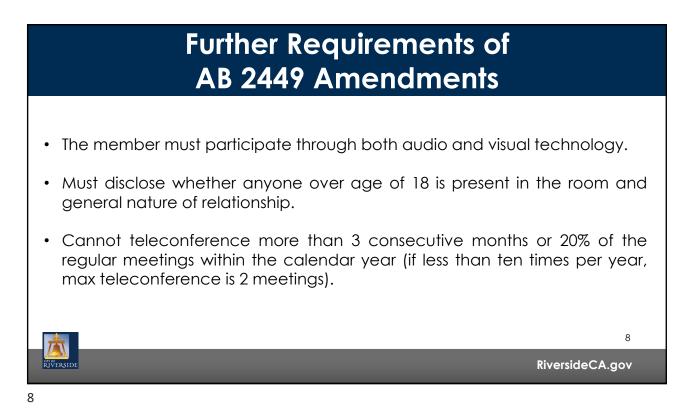
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- For personal "emergency circumstances" the member should submit a request for permission, as soon as possible, to attend via teleconference.
- Physical or family emergency that prevents attendance in person.
- Provide a general description of the circumstances for the need for virtual appearance (no longer than 20 words and does not need to disclose confidential medical information or personal information).
- If there is insufficient time to publish the proposed action on the agenda for that meeting, the body may consider and vote at the beginning of the meeting.

*Legislative body action required to approve remote attendance.

• AB 2449 sunsets on January 1, 2026.



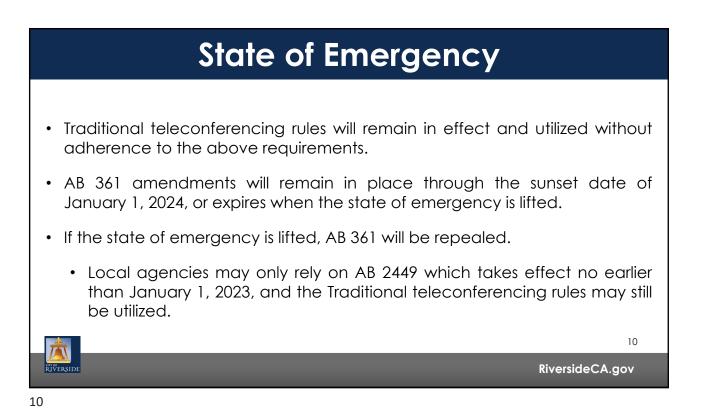


Notice and Agenda Requirements of AB 2449 Amendments

- Legislative body must provide a two-way audiovisual platform or two-way telephonic service and live webcasting of the meeting so that the public may remotely hear, observe, and address the legislative body during the meeting.
- The agenda does not need to be posted at all teleconferencing locations.
- Public access only needs to be assured of the physical location where there is a quorum.
- The locations of the members participating remotely do not need to be disclosed.

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