

**RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 13
Authorizing Teleconferencing for
Board Meetings Pursuant to AB 361**

WHEREAS, in response to the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic, Governor Newsom adopted a series of Executive Orders allowing the legislative bodies of local governments to meet remotely via teleconference so long as other provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”) were followed; and

WHEREAS, on Sept. 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which immediately amended the Brown Act allowing governing boards to continue holding virtual meetings outside the teleconferencing requirements of Government Code section 54953(b), if the board 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) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and

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

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, the Santa Barbara Community College District Board of Trustees (“Board”) passed resolution No. 6 authorizing virtual board meetings for at least 30 days; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 requires governing boards to make findings every 30 days that the board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and that either the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, social distancing measures have been recommended by the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to open and transparent governance in compliance with the Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board is conducting virtual meetings by way of telephonic and/or internet-based services when necessary as to allow members of the public to fully participate in meetings and offer public comment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Santa Barbara Community College District Board of Trustees:

The Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and recognizes that the State of Emergency in the State of California continues to exist due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

1. The Board recognizes that social distancing measures remain recommended by state and local officials;
2. The Board 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).

The foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 19th day of January 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

Aye:	<u>7</u>
No:	<u>0</u>
Abstain:	<u>0</u>
Concur:	<u>1</u>



Jonathan Abboud, President
Santa Barbara Community College District Board of Trustees



Kindred Murillo, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent/President
and Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees