



RESOLUTION No. 23-027

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN OPTION TO CONDUCT REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ITS LEGISLATIVE BODIES, WHEN NECESSARY, TO ALLOW FOR FLEXIBILITY IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

WHEREAS, all meetings of the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors, and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, a required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558(b); and

WHEREAS, a further required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body holds a meeting to determine or has determined by a majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency declaring a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of COVID-19, pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625); and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-07-21, which formally rescinded the Stay-at-Home Order (Executive Order N-33-20), as well as the framework for a gradual, risk-based reopening of the economy (Executive Order N-60-20, issued on May 4, 2020) but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom also issued Executive Order N-08-21, which set expiration dates for certain paragraphs of the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020 and other Executive Orders but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution the state Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, based on the California Department of Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D); and

WHEREAS, in light of this recommendation, the Board of Supervisors desires to continue to have the flexibility, for itself and for all other county-affiliated legislative bodies (including, but not limited to the Planning Commission and other subsidiary county bodies), to meet via teleconference; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that it, and its legislative bodies, shall conduct their meetings by teleconferencing without compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), as authorized by Section 54953(e), and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, County of Nevada, State of California, does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

SECTION 2: State or Local Officials have Imposed or Recommended Measures to Promote Social Distancing. The Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims that state officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social (physical) distancing based on the California Department of Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D).

SECTION 3: Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Board of Supervisors and any of its legislative bodies are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of: (i) February 9, 2023; or (ii) such time the Board of Supervisors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which its legislative bodies may continue to teleconference without compliance with Section 54953(b)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 10th day of January, 2023, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarhout, Susan Hoek and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 


Edward C. Scofield, Chair

1/10/2023 cc: COB*