

Resolution No. JPA 23-3

**RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OR OPT FOR
IN-PERSON AND/OR HYBRID MEETINGS
PURSUANT TO AB 361**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order N-25-20 which temporarily suspended certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”) in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, an ongoing public health state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued additional Executive Orders in 2020 and 2021 further suspending various requirements of the Brown Act for public meetings; and

WHEREAS, following expiration of the Executive Orders, on September 16, 2021, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 361 (“AB 361”), allowing for teleconference meetings under the Brown Act during declared states of emergency; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing state of emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic at both the State and City of Long Beach levels, and, on November 9, 2022, the City of Long Beach Health Officer issued recommendations for the continuation of virtual public meetings, to the extent possible, to promote social distancing measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and such recommendation currently remains in place; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The ACTA Governing Board finds that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of legislative bodies to meet safely in person and that the City of Long Beach Health Officer’s recommendation to practice physical distancing measures remains in effect.

Section 2. The ACTA Governing Board hereby authorizes the ACTA Governing Board and its Audit Committee to hold teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)-(2) and to opt for in-person and/or hybrid (a combination of virtual and in-person) meetings to the extent possible. Such meetings must comply (wherever feasible) with the City of Long Beach Health Officer’s recommendation with respect to any protocols for in-person meetings.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the ACTA Governing Board, and the Board Secretary shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the ACTA Governing Board at its meeting held on February 2, 2023.

Maria M. Melendres
Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM

_____, 2023
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