



LEADERSHIP & IMPACT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, which amended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950, *et seq.*) to allow for local agency legislative bodies to conduct their meetings remotely either telephonically or by other electronic means under specified circumstances. Thus, pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e), the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council Leadership and Impact Committee meeting will be conducted via remote conferencing.

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Website Link:

<https://smcoe.zoom.us/j/96045717661?pwd=bIBkbnBwZmx4RWRyL2JRemZRRHJDdz09>

Meeting ID: 960 4571 7661 Passcode: 522130

Call to Order	Michelle Blakely
Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person for the Child Care Partnership Council’s Leadership and Impact Committee would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees <i>ATTACHMENTS 1A AND 1B</i>	Michelle Blakely <i>ACTION ITEM</i>
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Item #1: Leadership and Impact Committee Updates and Check-in	Michelle Blakely
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*The next Leadership and Impact Committee meeting is
Monday, March 21, 2022: 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.*

Date: January 24, 2022

To: San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council Quality Committee

From: Sarah Kinahan, CCPC Coordinator

Subject: Resolution to make findings allowing continued remote meetings under Brown Act

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, meeting in person for the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council Quality Committee would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which rescinded his prior Executive Order N-29-20 and set a date of October 1, 2021 for public agencies to transition back to public meetings held in full compliance with the Brown Act. The original Executive Order provided that all provisions of the Brown Act that required the physical presence of members or other personnel as a condition of participation or as a quorum for a public meeting were waived for public health reasons. If these waivers had fully sunset on October 1, 2021, legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act would have to contend with a sudden return to full compliance with in-person meeting requirements as they existed prior to March 2020, including the requirement for full physical public access to all teleconference locations from which board members were participating.

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that formalizes and modifies the teleconference procedures implemented by California public agencies in response to the Governor's Executive Orders addressing Brown Act compliance during shelter-in-place periods. AB 361 allows a legislative body to continue to use teleconferencing under the same basic rules as provided in the Executive Orders when certain circumstances occur or when certain findings have been made and adopted by the legislative body.

AB 361 provides that Brown Act legislative bodies must return to in-person meetings on October 1, 2021, unless they choose to continue with fully teleconferenced meetings because a specific declaration of a state or local health emergency is appropriately made. AB 361 allows legislative bodies to continue to conduct virtual meetings as long as there is a gubernatorially-proclaimed public emergency in combination with (1) local health official recommendations for social distancing or (2) adopted findings that meeting in person would present an imminent risk to health or safety of attendees. AB 361 became effective on October 1, 2021 and will sunset on January 1, 2024.

AB 361 also requires that, if the state of emergency remains active for more than 30 days, the legislative body must make findings by majority vote every 30 days to continue using the bill's exemption to the Brown Act teleconferencing rules. The findings demonstrate the need for teleconferencing persists due to the nature of the ongoing public health emergency. Effectively, this means that legislative bodies must either agendaize a Brown Act meeting once every thirty days to make these findings, or, if a legislative body has not made such findings within the prior 30 days, the legislative body must re-adopt the initial findings if it wishes to conduct a remote meeting.

DISCUSSION:

California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>).

On September 28, 2021, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Board of Supervisors issued a finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and decided to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing for Board meetings. The Board also strongly encouraged other County legislative bodies to make a similar finding and continue meeting remotely through teleconferencing; and

Accordingly, we recommend that the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council Quality Committee avail itself of the provisions of AB 361 allowing continuation of online meetings by adopting findings to the effect that conducting in-person meetings would present an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees. A resolution to that effect and directing staff to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of the resolution, is attached hereto.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, MEETING IN PERSON FOR THE SAN MATEO COUNTY CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL QUALITY COMMITTEE WOULD PRESENT IMMEDIATE RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, pursuant to Government Code section 8550, et seq., Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus, and subsequently, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) declared a local emergency related to COVID-19, and the proclamation by the Governor and declaration by the Board remain in effect;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N- 29-20, which suspended certain provisions in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950, et seq. (the “Brown Act”), related to teleconferencing by legislative bodies, provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which extended provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 that waive otherwise-applicable Brown Act requirements related to remote/teleconference meetings by legislative bodies through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law, and AB 361 provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without complying with the otherwise-applicable requirements in the Brown Act related to remote/teleconference meetings by legislative bodies, provided that a state of emergency has been declared and the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and provided that the legislative body makes such finding at least every thirty (30) days during the term of the declared state of emergency; and bodies, provided that a state of emergency has been declared and the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and provided that the legislative body makes such finding at least every thirty (30) days during the term of the declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the

dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Board issued a finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and decided to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing for meetings of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board also strongly encouraged other County legislative bodies to make a similar finding and continue meeting remotely through teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council Quality Committee has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in its meetings; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council Quality Committee finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council Quality Committee will therefore invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing for meetings of the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council Quality Committee finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.



LEADERSHIP & IMPACT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

CCPC Members Present: Michelle Blakely, Julie Cates, David Fleishman, Heather Hopkins, Jennifer Pifileti, Tal Tamir, Christine Thorsteinson

Members of the Public: Kristen Anderson, Diana Harlick, Randy Torrijos

Minutes: Michelle Blakely

1. Call to Order

Michelle Blakely called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

- 2. Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person for the Child Care Partnership Council’s Leadership and Impact Committee would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees**

Moved by: David Fleishman

Seconded by: Heather Hopkins

Vote: All voted in favor

- 3. Approval of November 15, 2021 Leadership and Impact Committee Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2021**

Moved by: Jennifer Pifileti

Seconded by: Julie Cates

Vote: All voted in favor

4. Leadership and Impact Committee Updates and Check-in

- David and Michelle gave an overview of ARPA planning meetings as a precursor to the presentation that will be featured during the general Child Care Partnership Council meeting. The overview included a high-level review of the ARPA funding priorities aimed at economic stabilization and supports, and the County’s focus on Child Care, Housing, Workforce Development, and Extended Learning for prioritizing ARPA funding. Key points of discussion:
 - o committee agreed with the recommended funding priorities (workforce incentives, general operating support grants, workforce navigation supports, shared services pilot, health & safety funding supports, centralized eligibility list, CCPC, communication & messaging re: benefits of preschool and extended learning supports.)
 - o Tal commented that ARPA funds are one-time only and the field needs short, medium and long-term supports for sustainability.
- Kristen gave an update on the \$250M in the state budget for facilities. It remains unclear how these resources will be administered, and it is believed that San Mateo County may be less of a priority than other counties, as history has shown. We’ll need to advocate for our programs;

- Kristen will keep the group informed and coordinated with Build Up San Mateo.
- David gave a brief update on the South San Francisco Preschool for All group which is a grassroots campaign effort steered by advocates, providers such as Liz Scully, the Child Care Providers United Union representative, and other stakeholders. This effort will include a ballot initiative to raise funds for universal preschool, and will include funding for livable wages for the workforce. David and Margret Brodtkin attend these meetings as observers.
- Jennifer commented that for Izzy, challenges with the workforce shortage are the highest priority and that parent enrollment has been a bit better lately.
- There was general sentiment that child care affordability is still an issue.
- The group discussed the expansion and Transitional Kindergarten (TK):
 - o The community is ready for a discussion on TK. What is the collective strategy?
 - o SMCOE now has a small team of staff organizing working on TK.
 - o Diana discussed The Big Lift's upcoming meeting featuring San Diego COE's TK/CSPP approach. The Big Lift is hearing from districts that staff are overwhelmed by lack of time to address these new needs and priorities.
 - o Discussion on the pros and challenges of TK. Advocacy is needed for a mixed-delivery system and should be a major focus and priority.

5. Review CCPC 2020-21 Legislation Tracker and Discuss Priorities for 2022

The committee reviewed the legislation tracker. The committee did not recommend any changes to the positions taken on 2020-21 legislation. The committee discussed SB 50 and possible advocacy with Senator Becker to review the bill after Governor's veto. The group talked about Build Back Better at the federal level that will need local advocacy and understanding of the funding available. Julie reaffirmed that we will continue any advocacy that is needed.

6. Discuss Development of a CCPC Event Focused on Addressing Institutional Racial Inequities

Michelle pitched an updated plan for an event/panel that she and Sarah Kinahan are planning. The committee expressed its full support. The group had some conversation on titles, approaches, and definitions. Title/approach is REDI: Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion. This panel/discussion is targeting racial equity and institutional inequities. Will need to provide a framework and definitions for reference.

- Randy commented that San Mateo County's Equity Officer, Shireen Malikfazeli, has shared the County's REDI framework that could perhaps be shared. Need to define the desired outcome of the panel/event and convene a workgroup to help with planning.

7. Discuss Emerging "Hot Topics"

No further discussion topics were identified.

8. Adjournment

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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