



WORKFORCE 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 meeting will be conducted via remote conferencing.

Monday, January 24, 2022, 09:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Website Link:

<https://smcoe.zoom.us/j/99850647075?pwd=dXBET2svNzhMVkQ3UHN1WW8xZ29MQT09>

Meeting ID: 998 5064 7075 **Passcode:** 101

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Call to Order	Heather Cleary
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 Workforce Committee would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees <i>ATTACHMENTS 1A AND 1B</i>	Heather Cleary <i>ACTION ITEM</i>
Approval of January 24, 2022 Workforce Committee Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2021 <i>ATTACHMENT 2</i>	Heather Cleary
Item #1: Welcome & Check-in	Heather Cleary
Item #2: South San Francisco Early Care for All Parcel Tax Act	Chet Lexvold
Item #3: Update on new Workforce Grants	Alyson Suzuki
Item #4: Other Workforce Updates	Heather Cleary
Adjournment	Heather Cleary

*The next Workforce 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On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which rescinded his prior Executive Order N-29-20 and set a date of October 1, 2021 for public agencies to transition back to public meetings held in full compliance with the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.



**SAN MATEO COUNTY CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
WORKFORCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**November 15, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

CCPC Members Present: Heather Cleary (Chair), Karen Haas-Foletta

Members of the Public: Mindy Camacho, Dayna Chung, Alyce Desrosiers (late), Jamie Hui (late), Mel Kronick (left early), Edirle Menezes, Cindy Stahl, Donna Yuriar (late)

Staff: Ian Johnson

Minutes: Ian Johnson

1. Call to Order

Heather Cleary called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Action to 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 would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees

MOTION: HAAS-FOLETTA / **SECOND:** CHUNG

AYES: Heather Cleary, Karen Haas-Foletta, Mindy Camacho, Dayna Chung, Mel Kronick, Edirle Menezes, Cindy Stahl

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

3. Action to set the agenda for November 15, 2021 and approve the minutes for the September 20, 2021 meeting

MOTION: CHUNG / **SECOND:** HAAS-FOLETTA

AYES: Heather Cleary, Karen Haas-Foletta, Mindy Camacho, Dayna Chung, Mel Kronick, Edirle Menezes, Cindy Stahl

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

4. Workforce Updates & Check-In

Heather Clear/All

Edirle Menezes, Coordinator, Early Learning Quality Improvement, SMCOE, announced that the SMCOE ELC Stipend application is open through December 17, 2021. Please continue to encourage participation in the program we would like to capture as much of the workforce as possible.

Karen Alden, Founder of the Good2Know Network, informed the group that Good2knownetwork in partnership with Community Equity Collaborative will be Co-hosting a webinar tonight. The purpose of this webinar is to inform and assist educators on how to help children in transitioning from at home to group settings. CCPC Jessica Padilla is one of the panelists.

Dayna Chung, organizing member of Community Equity Collaborative, recommended that anyone interested in this webinar but unable to attend to still register for the training. Those who registered for the training will be given access to materials and recordings following the presentation. Registrants can also submit specific questions that will be answered during the webinar to the best of our ability.

Dayna Chung also provided an update on the Teacher Pipeline Project. Community Equity Collaborative continues its Teacher Pipeline program in partnership with Foothill and Skyline College. The purpose of these programs is to create community connection and wrap-around support to those who are entering the



The Committee also discussed marketing of the Early Education Field, and the importance to move away from terms like Child Care and a Day Care. How do we distinctly capture who we are?

5. Developing Key Talking Points on ECE Workforce

Heather Cleary asked the committee to provide key talking points and any feedback the committee has on the CCPC Workforce Flyer. This flyer provides a quick and easy introduction to who we are, our purpose and what we advocate for.

- The committee agreed that this is an important tool to promote investment in the Early Learning Workforce.
- The committee suggested refining the intent of the flyer to the audience we are trying to reach.
 - The focus of the flyer should be tarted to the economy, and families who need service.
- The committee suggested tailoring different one-pagers for different audiences.

6. Adjournment

Heather Cleary

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

**The next CCPC Workforce Committee meeting is
Monday, January 25, 2021, 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**