

Senate Bill 707 (Durazo)



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Executive Management Committee
January 15, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

A. ADOPTING, pursuant to Senate Bill 707 (SB 707), the following findings on behalf of eligible subsidiary bodies as defined by SB 707:

- (i) *The Board of Directors has considered the circumstances of the eligible subsidiary body.*
- (ii) *Teleconference meetings of the eligible subsidiary body would enhance public access to meetings of the eligible subsidiary body, and the public has been made aware of the type of remote participation, including audio-visual or telephonic, that will be made available at a regularly scheduled meeting and has been provided the opportunity to comment at an in-person meeting of the legislative body authorizing the subsidiary body to meet entirely remotely.*
- (iii) *Teleconference meetings of the eligible subsidiary body would promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of eligible subsidiary body members.*



RECOMMENDATION, continued

- B. AUTHORIZING eligible subsidiary bodies (Attachment A) to meet via teleconference, by either audio-visual or telephonic means, if they choose, subject to the requirements of SB 707; and
- C. RECEIVING AND FILING the update on relaxed teleconferencing rules as stated in SB 707 (Attachment B).

Notable Details

DETAIL	AB 2449	SB 707
Effective Date	Jan 1, 2023 – Jan 1, 2026	January 1, 2026 – January 1, 2030
Quorum must be in the room	YES	YES – for Board, Committees & subsidiary bodies when using “just cause” NO – for eligible subsidiary bodies authorized by these findings
Limit to how many times “just cause” can be used per CY	YES	YES
Public must have access via <u>either</u> two-way audio-visual platform (like Teams/Zoom) <u>or</u> two-way telephonic	NO MENTION	YES – for full Board <u>only</u>
Public must have access via <u>either</u> two-way audio-visual platform (like Teams/Zoom) <u>or</u> two-way telephonic <u>PLUS</u> live webcasting	NO MENTION	YES – for all Brown Act bodies, including eligible subsidiary bodies, when using relaxed teleconferencing under “just cause” or proclaimed state of emergency YES – eligible subsidiary bodies when using relaxed teleconferencing authorized by these findings
Process if there is a disruption of internet/two-way audio-visual/telephonic access for the public	NO MENTION	When a legislative body uses relaxed teleconferencing, the body cannot act on anything on the agenda until service is restored Effective July 1, 2026 , if there is a disruption to telephonic or internet service that prevents the public from attending or observing a Board meeting, the Board shall make a good faith effort to restore service for at least an hour* during which time they may can go into Closed Session <i>(*If service is not restored upon reconvening after at least an hour, in order to resume, Board needs to adopt a finding by roll call vote that good faith efforts were made to restore service and public interest in resuming meeting outweighs interest in remote access)</i>
Adoption of IT Service Disruption Policy	NO MENTION	YES - for full Board (by July 1, 2026)
Expanded accessibility & translation req. of notices	NO MENTION	YES – for Committees and Board (by July 1, 2026)

What are “Just Cause” reasons?

- Childcare or caregiving needs of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner;
- Contagious illness preventing the member from attending;
- Physical or mental conditions not subject to reasonable accommodation;
- Official travel on behalf of the legislative body or another state/local agency;
- Needs related to an immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner;
- Physical or family medical emergency; or
- Military service obligations

Questions?



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