



**NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
ACADEMIC SENATE**

**RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS
DURING A PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act requires that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency be open and public and that any person may attend and participate in such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act allows for legislative bodies to hold meetings by teleconference, but imposes specific requirements for doing so; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, in order to address the need for public meetings during the present public health emergency, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-29-20, suspending the Act's teleconferencing requirements; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-8-21, continuing the suspension of the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, these Executive Orders allowed legislative bodies to meet virtually as long as certain notice and accessibility requirements were met; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature amended the Brown Act through Assembly Bill No. 361 (AB 361) on September 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 361 amended the Brown Act so that a local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the regular teleconferencing requirements of the Act, where the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and makes certain findings; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953 requires that the legislative body make additional findings every 30 days in order to continue such teleconferencing.

NOW THEREFORE, the Academic Senate of the Napa Valley Community College District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders, and resolves as follows:

1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporates them by this reference.
2. The Academic Senate of the Napa Valley Community College District finds, by a majority vote, the following:
 - a. That there exists a proclaimed state of emergency;

AND



- b. State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
3. The Academic Senate President or her designee is authorized to take all steps and perform all actions necessary to execute and implement this Resolution in compliance with Government Code section 54953.
4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Academic Senate of the Napa Valley Community College District, this 24th day of May, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>41</u>
NOES:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>