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Personnel Commission Resolution No. 2023-8

Recognizing a State of Emergency and Authorizing Teleconferenced Meetings

WHEREAS, in response to the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic, Governor Newsom adopted a series of Executive Orders allowing the legislative bodies of local governments to meet remotely via teleconference so long as other provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”) were followed; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which immediately amended the Brown Act allowing governing boards to continue holding virtual meetings outside the teleconferencing requirements of Government Code section 54953(b), if the board makes a finding that there is a proclaimed State of Emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures, or (2) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from COVID-19 pursuant to Government Code section 8625; and

WHEREAS, social distancing measures have been recommended by the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Education Office Personnel Commission is committed to open and transparent governance in compliance with the Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Education Office Personnel Commission is conducting virtual meetings by way of internet-based and/or telephonic services so as to allow members of the public to fully participate in meetings and offer public comment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Santa Barbara County Education Office Personnel Commission:

1. The Santa Barbara County Education Office Personnel Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and recognizes that the State of Emergency in the State of California continues to exist due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

2. The Santa Barbara County Education Office Personnel Commission recognizes that social distancing measures remain recommended by state and local officials;
3. The Santa Barbara County Education Office Personnel Commission authorizes the use of teleconferencing for all meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act, for a period of thirty (30) days from the adoption of this resolution, or such a time that the Governing Board adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Barbara County Education Office Personnel Commission on **January 13, 2023**, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

I, Amy R. Ramos, Secretary to the Personnel Commission, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by said Personnel Commission at a regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date:

Director, Human Resources/
Secretary to the Personnel Commission