



**Joint San Francisco Health Authority/San Francisco Community Health Authority
Governing Board Special Meeting
December 1, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Chair: Steven Fugaro, MD
Vice-Chair: Roland Pickens, MHA, FACHE
Secretary-Treasurer: Reece Fawley

Members

Present: Eddie Chan, PharmD, Lawrence Cheung, MD, Irene Conway, Steve Fields, Steven Fugaro, MD, Maria Luz Torre, PharmD, Roland Pickens, MHA, FACHE, Greg Wagner, Emily Webb, and David Woods

Members

Absent: Dale Butler, Reece Fawley, and Jian Zhang, DNP, MS, FNP-BC

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, San Francisco Health Authority and San Francisco Community Health Authority Governing Board Members attended this meeting via teleconference. The meeting was closed to in-person public attendance, but the conference line information was provided on the publicly-posted agenda. This precaution was taken to protect members of the Governing Board, staff, and the public. All Board members, staff members and public attended the meeting via video conference.

Steven Fugaro, MD, Chair, called the meeting to order. He asked if there was anyone from the public in attendance and if there were any public comments. In attendance from the public was Eunice Majam-Simpson, SFHP's counsel with DSR Health Law.

1. Approval of Findings and Resolution 21-01 That the State of Emergency Continues to Impact the Ability of Governing Board and Committee Members to Meet Safely in Person and/or State or Local Officials Continue to Impose or Recommend Measures to Promote Social Distancing

Recommendation: SFHP recommended the Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 2021-01 to authorize the continued use of remote teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) ("AB 361") for a period of thirty (30) days. SFHP recommended that the Governing Board continue to meet to make the findings required by AB 361 no later than every thirty (30) days thereafter.

Betty Clark, SFHP's Regulatory Affairs Counsel, and Eunice Majam-Simpson, SFHP's counsel with DSR Health Law, attended the Special Meeting required by the law recently passed, AB 361, which relaxes the teleconference requirements

of the Brown Act during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Ms. Clark reviewed the memo of findings to the Board, which presents the requirements for holding meetings via teleconference in compliance with the new law. She stated that the key requirements are for the Board to reconsider at least every 30 days the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency, establish that state or local offices have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, and find that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

Ms. Clark reviewed that the Governor's proclaimed state of emergency due to COVID-19 remains in effect and that holding Governing Board and Standing Committee meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

Ms. Clark reviewed that both State of California officials and officials of the City and County of San Francisco continue to require or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Ms. Clark reviewed Resolution 21-001, which is necessary to comply with AB 361. Resolution 21-001, which authorizes the continued use of remote teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) for a period of thirty (30) days. SFHP recommends that the Governing Board continue to make the findings required by AB 361 every thirty (30) days.

The Board unanimously approved the findings and Resolution 21-01 that the state of emergency continues to impact the ability of Governing Board and Committee members to meet safely in person and State and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

2. Adjourn

Dr. Fugaro adjourned the meeting.

Reece Fawley, Secretary/Treasurer