

# AB 2449 – New Option

**Effective January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025**

- Advantages
  - Remote participation without traditional requirements
  - Not dependent on state of emergency or findings
- Disadvantages
  - Use limited to specific circumstances
  - Creates new requirement for board approval
  - Requires technological capabilities

# AB 2449 – Remote Participation

- Any location without opening/disclosure of location.
- Meeting requirements:
  - Quorum must be in-person at open location in the district.
  - Public access via two-way audiovisual platform or two-way audio service/ webcast.
  - Public comment via the remote platform as well as in-person (real time).
- Member requirements:
  - Participate through both audio and video.
  - Identify any individual over 18 in the room with the member and relationship.

# AB 2449 - When IT May Be Used

- Two circumstances:

1. Just cause

- Care for a family member, an illness, or a disability, or traveling on government business.
- Must notify board of the “just cause,” by providing a general description, at the earliest opportunity possible.

2. Emergency circumstance

- Physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in-person.
- Requires approval by board after it is provided with a general description of the circumstances.

- Limits:

- For “just cause,” only two meetings a calendar year.
- For either reason, no more than:
  - Three consecutive months; or,
  - 20% of regular meetings in a calendar year if a board meets at least 10 times a year; no more than two meetings in a calendar year if the body meets fewer than 10 times a year.