



Berkeley Rent Board

Remote Participation in Public Meetings

July 17, 2025

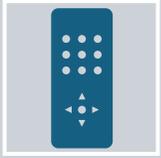
Matt Brown, General Counsel

Two Options for Remote Participation

**Brown Act
allows:**

- Anticipated
- Unanticipated

Anticipated Remote Participation



Remote location placed on agenda & made accessible to public (provide notice to Board secretary prior to meeting)



A quorum of Board or Committee must participate within Berkeley city limits



No limit on number of times Commissioner may use this method

Unanticipated Remote Participation



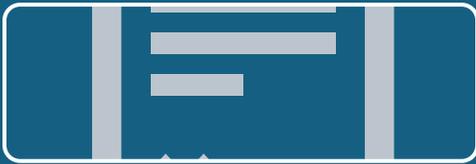
Permissible for two Board & two Committee meetings
(without publicizing remote location)



Must have “just cause” or “emergency circumstance”



Board must approve “emergency circumstance”



Commissioners must provide short explanation &
disclose any 18+ persons at their remote location



Quorum must be physically present

Unanticipated Remote Participation

Just Cause

Emergency Circumstances

Child or family caregiving

Physical or family medical emergency that prevents in person attendance

Contagious illness

A need related to a physical or mental disability

Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another agency (NOT personal business).



Questions
