

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
POINT ARENA SCHOOLS
MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. PAS 22-6102
BROWN ACT RESOLUTION TO PERMIT AUDIO/VIDEO CONFERENCED
GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration remains in place. and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends physical distancing of at least six (6) feet whenever possible, avoiding crowds, and avoiding spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors, particularly for people who are not fully vaccinated or who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that people who live with unvaccinated people avoid activities that make physical distancing hard.

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that older adults limit in-person interactions as much as possible, particularly when indoors. and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, Mendocino County’s Public Health Officer issued an order stating that “COVID-19 continues to be a public health concern, particularly in light of the recent surge of cases among the unvaccinated. This Order is needed to continue to mitigate COVID-19 transmission in our community, as there remains a risk that people may come into contact with others who have COVID-19, particularly people who are not yet fully vaccinated, including children under 12 years old.

WHEREAS, persons without symptoms may be able to spread the COVID-19 virus. and

WHEREAS, fully vaccinated persons who become infected with the COVID-19 Delta variant can spread the virus to others. and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, Cal/OSHA issued revised regulations related to emergency temporary standards for COVID-19 Prevention, which require training of employees that, among other items, include, “The conditions under which face coverings must be worn at the workplace and that face coverings are additionally recommended outdoors for people who are not fully vaccinated if six feet of distance between people cannot be maintained,” and “the fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing, face coverings, increased ventilation indoors, and respiratory protection decrease the spread of COVID-19, but are most effective when used in combination,” See Cal. Code of Regulations, title 8, sections 3205(c)(5)(D) and (E); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board’s meeting facilities are indoor facilities that are not designed to ensure circulation of fresh/outdoor air, and were not designed to ensure that attendees can remain six (6) feet apart; now therefore be it; and

WHEREAS, holding in-person meetings would encourage community members to come to the Point Arena Schools District Governing Board meeting facilities to participate in local government,