

Hi Rich and Carol,

Nubia asked that I send you the below regarding teleconferencing for CERTNA.

SB 707 added Government Code section 54953.8.7, which provides alternative teleconferencing procedures for eligible multijurisdictional bodies. As a joint powers authority, CERTNA qualifies as an eligible multijurisdictional body. (Gov. Code, § 54953.8.7(b).) To use these procedures, CERTNA must first adopt a resolution at a regular meeting authorizing teleconferencing under section 54953.8.7. (*Id.*, subd. (a)(1).)

The advantage of section 54953.8.7 is that, so long as a quorum participates from one or more physical locations open to the public and within CERTNA's boundaries, the remaining members are not required to participate from locations that are open to the public or within CERTNA's boundaries.

However, a board member may participate remotely under that section no more than two times per year if the body regularly meets once per month or less. (*Id.*, subd. (a)(6)(A).) Due to that restriction, CERTNA should consider using the traditional teleconferencing procedures under Government Code section 54953 for regular teleconferenced meetings. Traditional teleconferencing under section 54953 does not impose a numerical limit on the number of teleconferenced meetings.

Under section 54953, each teleconference location must be identified on the agenda, the agenda must be posted at each teleconference location, and each location must be accessible to the public and allow public participation. In addition, at least a quorum of the members must participate from locations within the boundaries of the local agency.

That said, CERTNA should still consider adopting a resolution authorizing members to participate under Government Code section 54953.8.7 when needed.

Thank you,

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