

Brown Act Teleconferencing Comparison

Category	Traditional	Just Cause	State of Emergency
Reason for Meeting	No Reason Required	Just Cause	State of Emergency (State or Local)
Location Requirements for Quorum	Within jurisdiction	Quorum required in single physical location quorum within jurisdiction open to the public	No location requirement for Quorum
Method of Member's Participation in Teleconferenced Meeting	Call-in OR Audio Visual	Audio-Visual	Call in OR Audio-Visual
Add'l Opportunities for Public Participation	For City Council Meetings Only as of July 1, 2026 (subject to narrow exceptions): In-Person at teleconferencing	2-way audio-visual (public comment OK by audio only), OR 2-way telephonic and live webcasting of meeting	2-way audio-visual (public comment OK by audio only) or 2-way telephonic
Reason Must be Approved by City Council	No	No	Yes
Votes Must be Taken by Roll Call	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teleconference Location Included on Agenda	Yes	No	No
Required Course of Action if Disruption Prevents Broadcast of Meeting or Public's Ability to Comment	For City Council Meetings Only as of July 1, 2026 (subject to narrow exceptions): Meeting proceeds if Council finds good cause following 1 hr attempt to restore connection to internet/broadcast/telephone. But meeting may not continue if there is no ability for public to participate from teleconferencing location. For Other Meetings: Meeting may proceed without internet/broadcasting (special considerations for quasi-judicial hearings). But meeting may not continue if there is no ability for public to participate from teleconferencing location.	For City Council Meetings Only as of July 1, 2026 (subject to narrow exceptions): Meeting may proceed without remote member's participation if Council finds good cause following 1 hr attempt to restore internet/broadcast/telephone. For Other Meetings: Meeting may proceed without remote member's participation (special considerations for quasi-judicial hearings).	For City Council Meetings Only as of July 1, 2026 (subject to narrow exceptions): Meeting may proceed if Council finds good cause following 1 hr attempt to restore internet/telephone. For Other Meetings: Meeting may proceed without remote member's participation (special considerations for quasi-judicial hearings).
Annual Limits	None.	2 /year if body meets 1x month 5/ year if body meets 2x month 7/ year if body meets 3+ times/mo	None.