

Brown Act Teleconferencing Comparison

| Category | Traditional | Just Cause | State of Emergency |
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| 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. |