

Kern County Board of Supervisors Public Meeting Protocol and Instructions for Providing Public Comment during Board Meetings due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

On March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf>), which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Board members or the public to attend and participate at Board meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with the Executive Order, Board members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.

Instructions to the public:

How to watch a Board of Supervisors meeting:

- **Until further notice, the Board of Supervisors meetings will not be physically open to the public**
- Options for watching a meeting include:
 - Watching it on your cable television channel
 - View the live video stream on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/KGOVTV>
 - View the live video stream at <https://www.kerncounty.com/bos-meetings/> which includes access to the agenda and supporting documents for each agenda item

How to participate in a Board of Supervisors meeting:

The public has the right to comment on a specific agenda item or provide general public comment under Public Presentations.

A. Instructions for providing testimony or public comment BEFORE the meeting:

Notes:

- deadline is **4 PM the day before the meeting**
- All public comments sent in by any of the following methods will be provided to all Board members and applicable staff, for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Board meeting.
 1. Preferred option: submit your comment via email to publiccomment@kerncounty.com. Please include your name and clearly indicate the agenda item number you wish to address (with AM or PM session identified).
 2. Other options:
 - Call (661) 868-3640 to leave a voicemail of no more than two minutes in length. Please state and spell your name at the beginning of your message and clearly indicate the agenda item number you wish to address (with AM or PM session identified). Do not leave your phone number on the voice message since these messages are heard in public session.
 - Mail comments to Clerk of the Board, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates.

B. Instructions for providing testimony or public comment via teleconference DURING the meeting:

- Callers must first register with the Clerk of the Board by calling (661) 868-3605 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code.
- Please **call by 5:00 PM the day before the meeting** to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address.