



**RETIREMENT BOARD CALENDAR SHEET**  
**Retirement Board Meeting of November 8, 2023**

**To:** Retirement Board

**From:** Alison Romano  
CEO & CIO

**Date:** November 8, 2023

**Agenda Item:** Consideration of Remote Public Comment

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt one of options presented or take other action in item.

**Background:**

The item is being presented today as a possible action item to provide the Board the opportunity to consider and determine its approach to remote public comment in light of recent changes within the City.

As of March 1, 2023, policy bodies no longer had a legal obligation to offer remote public comment to members of the public, except as a reasonable accommodation or in the rare instances where a member of the body is attending remotely in accordance with AB 2449.

At the Retirement Board meeting in February 2023, the decision was made to offer remote public comment only in accommodation cases as required by law. The Board evaluated this practice again May 2023 and moved to allowing remote public comment more broadly, subject to certain time limits.

Since then, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors changed its practices and the Mayor's office has provided new guidance. Specifically, on October 17, 2023 the Board of Supervisors amended the Rules of Order to discontinue remote public comment by members of the public at meetings of the Board and its committees, except as legally required to enable people with disabilities to participate in such meetings. The Mayor's Office recommended that all commissions adopt the BOS's rule. It is up to each board/commission whether to continue remote public comment.

The Retirement Board can consider one of two options (1) Continue with current practices or (2) Approve a change in practices to align with the other City Boards and Commissions, the actions of the BOS and guidance by the Mayor.