



SB 707 IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW



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Summary of key provisions

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Review feedback from Rules Committee's February meeting

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Addressing Rules Committee questions around Council committees (in person, hybrid, or remote)

OVERVIEW

SB 707 expands:

- Mandatory hybrid public access for City Council meetings
- Remote attendance flexibility for members
- Language access out outreach requirements

Staff's recommendations are focused on meeting legal requirements without adding significant resource costs.

TIMELINE

Assessment

(Nov 2025 - Jan 2026)
Identify operational impacts; assess resource capacity; develop key policy recommendations.

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Infrastructure

(Mar - June)
Configure meeting rooms and technology; update procedures; train staff presiding officers.

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Monitor

(Ongoing)
Monitor and adjust. Return to Council as needed with refinements or budget requests.

5

Framework

(Feb - April)
Establish governance framework with direction from Rules Committee & City Council.

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Implement

By July 1, 2026:
Fully implement all applicable provisions of SB 707.

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KEY PROVISIONS

DEFINITIONS

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There are three different categories of legislative bodies, and the rules apply differently:

City Council

Council Standing Committees

Boards and commissions

MANDATE: HYBRID PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Applicability: City Council

- Virtual participation by the public
- Council must adopt disruption & continuation policy
 - Meetings pause up to 1 hour for access disruptions while good faith efforts are taking place to restore access
 - The meeting may resume when access is restored, or after 1 hour

MANDATE: AGENDA TRANSLATION

Applicability: City Council

- City Council meeting agendas must be translated into applicable languages
- American Community Survey data for San Leandro:
 - Spanish (23% of total population; 57% speak English less than “very well”)
 - Chinese (21% of total population; 76% speak English less than “very well”)
- Related meeting information must be posted prominently online

MANDATE: COUNCIL MEETING OUTREACH

Applicability: City Council

- Reasonable efforts to encourage participation by groups that don't traditionally participate in City Council meetings
- Public posting board for additional translations
- Assist with meeting translation / interpretation at meetings

OPTION: SIMPLIFYING PUBLIC COMMENT

Applicability: City Council

- If a Council standing subcommittee took public comment on an agenda item and a quorum participated from a single location, then the City Council need not repeat public comment on that agenda item.

OPTION: FULLY REMOTE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

Eligible bodies

- Council committees
- Arts, Culture, & Library Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Recreation & Parks Commission
- Senior Commission
- Youth Advisory Commission
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Ineligible bodies

- Community Police Review Board
- Personnel Relations Board
- Planning Commission
- Rent Review Board

OPTION: FULLY REMOTE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

City Council Standing Committees:

- May all participate remotely if located in San Leandro
- Must include location on agenda and public access at physical meeting locations
- Cost estimates: \$0

Boards and Commissions:

- All members may participate remotely without providing the address of their physical location
- Cost estimates: \$30,000-\$150,000

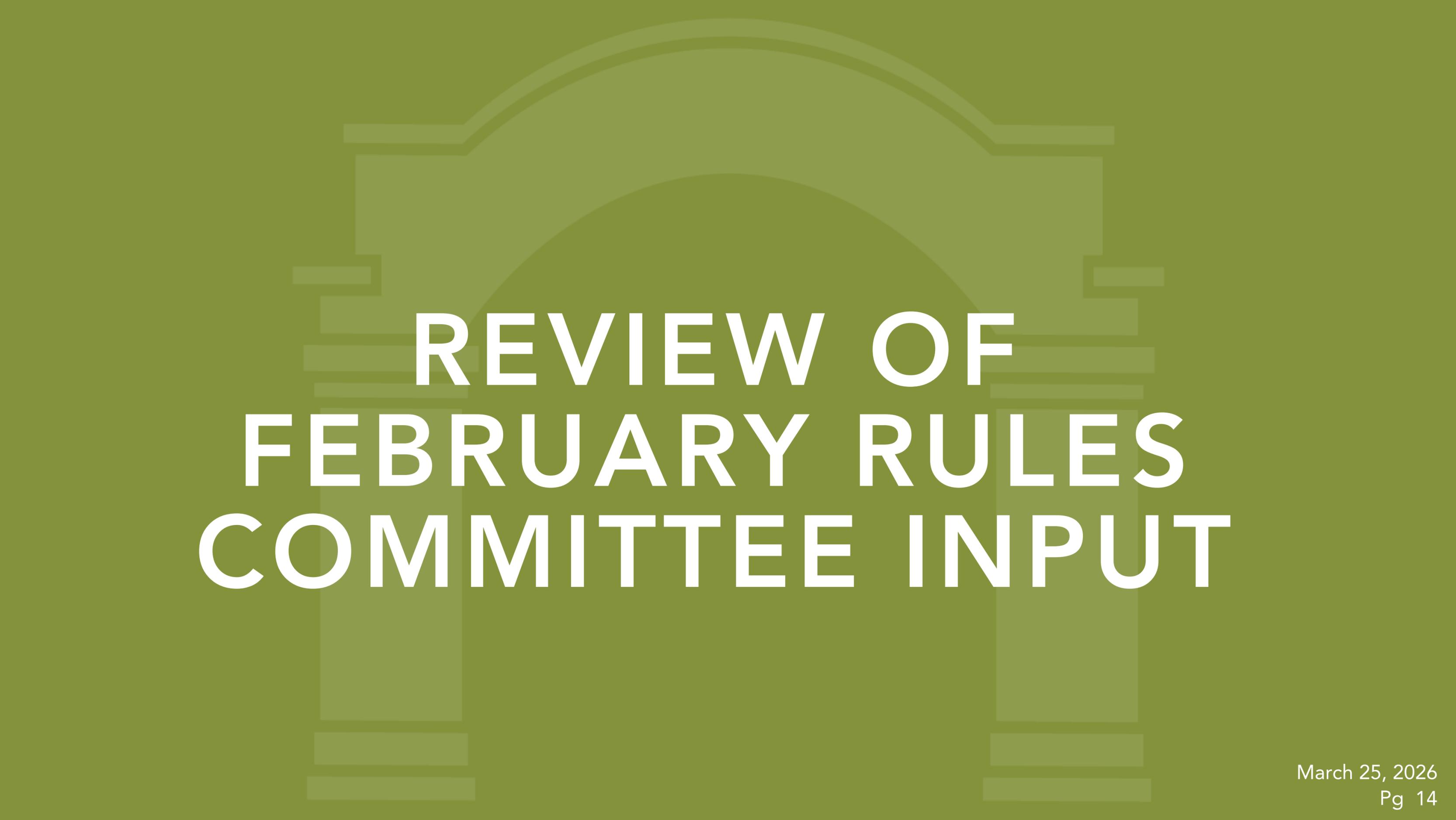
OPTION: FULLY REMOTE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

Applicable to all:

- Council authorization is required
- One physical meeting location open to the public with one staff person
- Council must adopt findings every six months

Rules Committee Feedback from February:

- Supportive of staff's recommendation to take no action at this time regarding Boards and Commissions
- Interest in members participating remotely for Council standing committee meetings
- Requested additional information on potential costs



REVIEW OF FEBRUARY RULES COMMITTEE INPUT

Decision Point

Rules Committee Feedback (February 25, 2026)

Decision #1: Type of hybrid participation at City Council meetings
Staff recommended continuing to use two-way audiovisual platform for hybrid public participation. The City Council could choose telephonic participation instead.

- Support for audiovisual platform (i.e., Zoom, Teams, etc.)
- Consider landline telephone as backup call-in

Decision #2: Disruption policy
Staff requested the Rules Committee provide feedback to staff on the draft disruption policy for City Council meetings.

- Support for draft policy as presented
- Be clear that meetings will resume if access is restored before 1 hour

Decision #3: Implement hybrid public participation for all legislative bodies?
Staff recommend taking no action at this time, as it could require additional expenses for the City to do so.

- Supportive of staff’s recommendation to take no action at this time regarding Boards and Commissions
- Interest in hybrid public participation for Council standing committee meetings
- Requested additional information on potential costs

Decision #4: Language access policy
Staff recommend the use of no- to low-cost solutions and requested Rules Committee feedback on the language access policy.

- Support for draft policy as presented
- Support for no- and low-cost solutions for translation
- Look to other local agencies for proven, low-cost options (School District, etc.)

Decision #5: Simplifying public comment
Staff sought Rules Committee input on whether to rely on prior subcommittee comment; or continue taking comment at both levels (committee + City Council).

- Support for continuing to receive comment at both levels

Decision #6: Authorize members of eligible bodies to be fully remote?
Staff recommended taking no action at this time, as it could require additional expenses for the City to do so.

- Supportive of staff’s recommendation to take no action at this time regarding Boards and Commissions; but interested in members participating remotely for Council standing committee meetings
- Requested additional information on potential costs



QUESTIONS?