

1-1 By: Middleton S.B. No. 1504
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2025; March 6, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;
1-4 April 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
1-5 Nays 0; April 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	Bettencourt	X		
1-9	Middleton	X		
1-10	Cook	X		
1-11	Gutierrez	X		
1-12	Nichols	X		
1-13	Paxton	X		
1-14	West		X	

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to meetings of the board of directors of the Gulf Coast
1-18 Authority.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 2.07, Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st
1-21 Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, is amended by amending
1-22 Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) to
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (a) The board shall meet regularly as necessary ~~[at least~~
1-25 ~~once each month, and may meet at any other time provided in its~~
1-26 ~~bylaws]~~.

1-27 (d) Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, Chapter
1-28 49, Water Code, or any other law, the board may hold an open or
1-29 closed meeting by telephone conference call, videoconference, or
1-30 other similar telecommunication method. The board may use a
1-31 telephone conference call, videoconference, or other similar
1-32 telecommunication method for purposes of establishing a quorum, for
1-33 voting, or for any other meeting purpose.

1-34 (e) A meeting held by telephone conference call,
1-35 videoconference, or other similar telecommunication method is
1-36 subject to the notice requirements applicable to other board
1-37 meetings.

1-38 (f) The notice of a meeting to be held by telephone
1-39 conference call, videoconference, or other similar
1-40 telecommunication method must include:

1-41 (1) a toll-free telephone number that members of the
1-42 public may use to hear and, if applicable, speak at the meeting;

1-43 (2) free-of-charge access information for any
1-44 audiovisual or audio-only feeds; and

1-45 (3) instructions for a member of the public to speak at
1-46 the meeting from a remote location.

1-47 (g) If the board prepares an agenda packet or other
1-48 materials that would have been distributed to members of the public
1-49 at a face-to-face meeting, the board shall make the packet or other
1-50 materials available electronically.

1-51 (h) A meeting held by telephone conference call,
1-52 videoconference, or other similar telecommunication method shall
1-53 be recorded. The recording shall be made available to the public.
1-54 The board shall maintain a copy of the recording for at least one
1-55 year after the date of the hearing.

1-56 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-57 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-58 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-59 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-60 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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