



BP 2355 DECORUM in BOARD MEETINGS

References:

- Education Code Section 72121.5;
- Government Code Section 54954.3 subdivision (b), 54957.9, and 54957.95

All participants, including community members, employees, students, and board members, are expected to be courteous and respectful to those participating in the board meetings. Comments that are abusive or harassing will not be permitted. Speakers who engage in name calling or other personal attacks will be found in violation of this policy.

The following may be ruled out of order, depending on the totality of circumstances, by the presiding officer:

- Disrupting, disturbing, or otherwise impeding the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- Physical violence or threats of physical violence directed toward any person or property.

In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by the actions of one or more persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the person(s) may be removed from the meeting room.

Notice of Removal

Those who engage in such conduct may be removed from the podium or board room and denied the opportunity to speak to the Board for the duration of the meeting.

Before removal for conduct other than an individual's use of force or a true threat of force, the presiding officer shall warn the individual that the behavior is disrupting the meeting and that failure to cease the behavior may result in the individual's removal. The presiding officer may then direct the removal of the individual if they do not promptly cease their disruptive behavior.

If order cannot be restored by the removal in accordance with these rules of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the presiding officer may order the meeting room cleared and may continue in session.

The Board shall only consider matters appearing on the agenda.



Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this rule.

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