

## AP 2355      Decorum (Governing Board Meetings)

Reference:      ***Education Code Section 72121.5;  
Government Code Section s 54954.3 (b), 54957.9, and  
54957.95***

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In order to maintain an orderly atmosphere, the Governing Board will consider only matters appearing on the agenda.

The following will be ruled out of order by the presiding officer:

- Remarks or discussion in public meetings on charges or complaints which the Board has scheduled to consider in closed session
- Profanity, obscenity and other offensive language
- Physical violence and/or threats of physical violence directed towards 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.

Speakers who engage in such conduct may be removed from the lectern and denied the opportunity to speak to the Board for the duration of the meeting.

~~Before removal, a warning and a request that the person(s) curtail the disruptive activity will be made by the President of the Board. If the behavior continues, the person(s) may be removed by a vote of the Board, based on a finding that the person is violating this policy, and that such activity is intentional and has substantially impaired the conduct 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 or their designee may then remove 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 Board 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.

Reflects CCLC Update #44 changes to BP  
(Note that CCLC does not have a recommended AP 2355)  
Revised due to changes in Government Code