

## **BP 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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During Governing Board meetings, the Board will only take action on items appearing on the agenda and will maintain an orderly atmosphere.

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

- Disrupting, disturbing, ~~or otherwise~~-impeding, or rendering infeasible 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 persons may be removed from the meeting room.

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

~~Before removal, a warning and a request that the persons curtail the disruptive activity will be made by the President of the Board. If the behavior continues, the persons 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.