



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Board Policy

Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees

BP 2355 – DECORUM

The rules of parliamentary law embraced in Robert's RULES OF ORDER (revised) shall serve as a guide in public meetings of the Board of Trustees in all cases in which such rules are not inconsistent with these policies of the Board.

The presiding officer is authorized to order a meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at any time if the legislative decorum of the meeting is disrupted by members of the audience and the audience does not observe a request by the presiding officer for restoration of order.

The following will be ruled out of order 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.

Speakers who engage in such conduct may be removed and denied the opportunity to speak to the Board of Trustees 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 of Trustees, 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.

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

Reference: Education Code Section 72121.5;
Government Code Section 54954.3 subdivision (b)

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