

Coast Community College District
BOARD POLICY
Chapter 2
Board of Trustees

BP 2355 Meeting Decorum

References:

Education Code Section 72121.5;
Government Code Section 54954.3 (b)

This Policy applies to both members of the Board and members of the public.

The following will be ruled out of order by the President of the Board:

- Obscene language.
- Physical violence and/or threats of physical violence directed towards any person or property.

In the event that any Board 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 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 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.

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

Authority of the President of the Board

In the event that a Board meeting is willfully interrupted by the actions of one or more persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the President of the Board will ask the person or persons to leave the meeting room.

Speakers who engage in such conduct will be denied the opportunity to address the Board for the duration of the meeting.

A warning and request that the persons curtail the disruptive activity will be made by the President of the Board. If the behavior continues, the person will be asked to leave or

will be removed by security staff, 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, in accordance with this Policy, order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the President of the Board may order the meeting room cleared and may continue in session. 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 Policy.

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