



BOARD POLICY **2355**

DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

DECORUM

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

- Disrupting, disturbing, impeding, or rendering infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- Profanity, obscenity and other offensive language.
- Physical violence or threats of physical violence directed towards any person or property.
- Comments outside the subject matter jurisdiction of the District.

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 for conduct other than an individual's use of force or a true threat of force, the Chair of the Board or 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 member 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 confirmed 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.

References:

Education Code Section 72121.5;

Government Code Section 54954.3 subdivision (b), 54957.9, and 54957.95

Administrator: Superintendent/President

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