

# BOARD POLICY

2355

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## DECORUM

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

- a) Profanity, obscenity and other offensive language.
- b) 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 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 presiding officer. 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 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 consider only 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 (b)*

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