

BP 2355 DECORUM/CONDUCT**References:**

Education Code Section 72121.5;
Government Code Sections 54954.3 subdivision (b), 54957.9, and 54957.95

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

- Disrupting, disturbing, 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 person may be removed from the meeting room. 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.

A warning and a request that the person curtail the disruptive activity will be made by the presiding officer. If the behavior continues, the person 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. Speakers who engage in such conduct may be removed from the podium and denied the opportunity to speak to the Board of Trustees for the duration 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 presiding officer 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 rule.

In all matters of procedure not otherwise indicated, Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, governs.

Also see BP 2350 Speakers

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