

BOARD BYLAWS

PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

2355

Decorum

Reference: Education Code Section 72121.5; Government Code Section 54954.3

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

- Remarks or discussion in public meetings on charges or complaints which the Board has scheduled to consider in closed session.
- Profanity, obscenity and other offensive language.
- Physical violence and/or threats of physical violence directed towards any person or property.
- Remarks by any person addressing the Board which reflects adversely upon the character or motives of any person.
- Attacks in the form of inferences, insinuations, and innuendoes against the character or motives of any person are out of order.
- Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of Board business.

The presiding officer may terminate a speaker's privilege of address if, after being called to order, the speaker persists in interfering with the proper conduct of the meeting.

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 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 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 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.

It shall be in order for Board members to interrupt a speaker at any time to ask questions or to make comments as frequently as is necessary to clarify the discussion.

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During the time when the Board is holding an official session, only those persons (other than Board members) recognized by the chair shall be permitted to participate in the discussion. Any attempt by any person not a member of the Board or its staff to discuss any motion pending before the Board is out of order unless the Board votes to hear such discussion.

(Formerly a part of PVC Board Policy 7110)

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1/24/06 Board Second Read and Approval