Sierra College
BOARD POLICY

BP 2355

Decorum at Board of Trustees Meetings

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

Undue interruptions or other interference with the orderly conduct of the business of the Board will not be permitted. Disruptive behavior is always out of order and the Board President may terminate the speaker’s privilege of address, if, after being called to order, the speaker persists in improper conduct or if remarks are addressing matters outside the Board’s jurisdiction.

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.

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.

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.

See Board Policy 2345 and 2350.