



**MONTEREY PENINSULA**  
College

**GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES**

**Chapter 2 Board of Trustees**

**2355**

**BP 2355 Decorum**

The Governing Board welcomes the public and campus community to Governing Board meetings. To ensure that Board meetings are conducted in an orderly and efficient manner in which the public and campus community members can fully and safely engage with the Board, the following will be ruled out of order by the presiding officer:

- Disrupting, disturbing, or otherwise impeding 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(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 Governing 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 Chair of the Governing Board. If the behavior continues, the person(s) may be removed by a vote of the Governing 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 Governing Board may order the meeting room cleared and may continue in session. The Governing 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 - Public Participation at Governing Board Meetings and Board Policy 2350 - Speakers

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

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