

**SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
POLICY MANUAL**

Title: DECORUM	Number: BP 1.12
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I. Standards of Decorum. The following may 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.

C. Remarks that do not pertain to the subject matter for which the privilege of the floor was granted.

D. Undue interruptions or other interferences with the orderly conduct of Board business.

II. Willful Disruption of a 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 or any Trustee who is presiding at the meeting or by recommendation of another Board member. If the behavior continues, the person(s) may be removed by a vote of the Board, based on a finding that the person is intentionally disrupting the meeting 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 disrupting 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.

III. Public Concerns. Nothing in this policy prohibits members of the public from criticizing District policies, procedures, programs or services or of any other aspect of its proposals or activities, or of the acts or omissions of the body, on the basis that the performance of one or more public employees is implicated, or on any basis other than reasonable time constraints adopted by the Board.

However, all formal complaints about District policies, procedures, programs or services and all formal charges or complaints against an employee of the District for which no specific grievance or complaint process is available shall be in writing and signed by the person making the charge or complaint and shall be filed with the Chancellor who shall, after investigation, take or recommend appropriate action.

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