DECORUM

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

In all cases, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the deliberations of the Governing Board during its meetings, except when any deliberation would be inconsistent with the California Education Code, Title 5, California Code of Regulations or the policies of the Governing Board. The rules of order of the Governing Board, however, may be amended by a majority of those Governing Board members present and voting at any meeting.

The presiding officer is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on matters such as the time to be allowed for public discussion, the appropriateness of any subject presented and the allocation of time for a presentation.

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

- Remarks or discussion in public meetings on charges or complaints which the Governing 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. 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 President 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. Under such circumstances, 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 policy.