

Policy Number: 4.17.0

Title: MEETING DECORUM

Introduction:

This policy has been developed to establish the standards for personal behavior during meetings of the Board of Directors as well as Committee meetings. The members of the Board pledge themselves, as self-directed and responsible persons, to abide with the following standards of conduct.

Ends:

Board members shall:

1. Treat all individuals fairly, with respect and courtesy;
2. Refrain from the use of profane, vulgar, inflammatory, threatening, abusive or disparaging language or racial or ethnic slurs directed at the President, Vice President, members of the Board of Directors, District officials or employees or members of the general public;
3. Maintain the proper decorum at Board and Committee meetings;
4. Seek and encourage active participation by the public in the processes prescribed by the Board;
5. Uphold the laws, by-laws, rules and policies relating to the operations of the Board;
6. Attend all Board and Committee meetings promptly; remain in attendance for the duration of the meeting; and/or inform the Board or Committee Chair if late arrival or early departure is necessary;
7. Review all materials essential for full participation and informed decision-making at Board or Committee meetings;
8. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using a member's Board position for personal gain;
9. Abide by the decisions of the Board regardless of how individual members voted and making clear that when a differing opinion is expressed, that it's an individual opinion and not the opinion of the Board as a whole;
10. Respect other Board members' rights and opinions and express differing points of view using appropriate language at all Board and Committee meetings;
11. Turn off electronic devices so as not to disturb board meetings.

Responsibility:

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy.