

Rules of Debate: Meeting Decorum Between Polk County Board of Commissioners

1. Every Commissioner desiring to speak should address the Chair, and upon said recognition by the Chair, should confine discussion to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language.
2. Commissioners shall refrain from: attacking a member's motives; speaking adversely on a prior motion not pending; speaking while the Chair or other Board members are speaking; speaking against their own motions; and disturbing the Board.
3. A member once recognized should not be interrupted when speaking unless said member is being called to order. The member should then cease speaking until the question of order is determined, without debate, by the Chair. If in order, said member shall be at liberty to proceed.
4. A member shall be deemed to have yielded the floor when he or she has finished speaking. A member may claim the floor only when recognized by the Chair.