

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

1. Order must be preserved. No person shall, by speech or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceeding or the peace of the Commission, or disturb any person having the floor. No person shall refuse to obey the orders of the Chair of the Commission. Any person making irrelevant, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Commission shall not be considered orderly or decorous. Any person who becomes disorderly or who fails to confine remarks to the identified subject or business at hand shall be cautioned by the Chair and given the opportunity to conclude remarks on the subject in a decorous manner. Any person failing to comply as cautioned shall be barred from making any additional comments during the meeting by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the Chair.
2. If the Chair or the Commission declares an individual out of order, they will be requested to relinquish the podium. If the person does not do so they are subject to removal from the Commission Chambers or other meeting room and may be removed by the Sheriff.
3. Any person who becomes disruptive or interferes with the orderly business of the Commission may be removed from the Commission Chambers or other meeting room for the remainder of the meeting.