

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 Chairman 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 Chairman and given the opportunity to conclude remarks on the subject in a decorous manner and within the designated time limit. Any person failing to comply as cautioned shall be barred from making any additional comments during the meeting by the Chairman, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the Chairman.
2. If the Chairman or the Commission declares an individual out of order, he or she will be requested to relinquish the podium. If the person does not do so, he or she is subject to removal from the Commission Chambers or other meeting room and may be arrested 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.