

APCD BOARD PRINCIPLES OF DECORUM CONCEPTS

The following is a comprehensive list of all principles of decorum recorded on flip charts and/or verbally stated by each Board/staff group at the March 23, 2016 Board meeting at the Vet's Hall:

1. Board members shall accord the utmost courtesy to each other, to staff and to the public appearing before the APCD Board, and shall refrain at all times from rude, abusive, and/or derogatory remarks that reflect upon a person's integrity, motive or personality.
2. Board members shall publicly share substantive information that is relevant to a matter under consideration that they may have received from sources outside the public decision-making process.
3. Board members shall support the maintenance of a positive and constructive work place for District employees and for the citizens and businesses dealing with the District. Members shall recognize their special role in dealings with District staff to in no way create the perception of inappropriate direction to staff.
4. Board members will work earnestly to preserve appropriate order and decorum during all meetings and discourage side conversations, disruptions, interruptions or delaying efforts. Limit the use of personal electronic devices to urgent personal matters while seated at the dais.
5. Board members commit to respect the right of all people to hold and express different opinions at our meetings.
6. Board members shall first address the Chair to gain recognition. Once recognized, the member shall not be interrupted while speaking except to make a point of order or personal privilege. Comments and questions should be limited to the issue before the Board, and cross-exchange between Board members and the public should be avoided.
7. Board members commit to receiving training on APCD mandates and programs, both as new and returning members.
8. Board members commit to debate respectfully, without malice.
9. Board members commit to consider all decisions with the APCD mission in mind.
10. Board members commit to respect past decisions of the Board and move forward positively.
11. Board members commit to treat others as they would like to be treated.
12. Board members commit not to "blindsided" staff.
13. Board members commit to maintain the District's Mission as the focus for achieving constructive solutions
14. Board members commit to conduct affairs with fairness, honesty, integrity and respect
15. Board members commit to respect the dignity and privacy of individuals and organizations
16. Board members commit to keep the common good as the highest purpose – focus on achieving constructive solutions for the public benefit
17. Board members commit to recognize the worth of individual members and appreciate their individual talents, perspective and contributions
18. Board members commit to help create an atmosphere of respect and civility where individual members, staff and the public are free to express their ideas and work to their full potential
19. Board members commit to avoid and discourage conduct that is divisive or harmful to the best interests of the District