

APCD BOARD PRINCIPLES OF DECORUM

APCD Board members are committed to ensuring that all public meetings of the Board are conducted in an open, respectful and appropriate manner. To that end, every Board member individually commits to honoring the following guiding principles at each meeting:

1. To keep the APCD Mission and public health protection as the highest purpose for achieving constructive solutions for matters before the Board.
2. To treat others as they would like to be treated and accord the utmost courtesy to each other, to staff and to the public appearing before the APCD Board.
3. To respect the dignity and privacy of individuals and organizations and the right of all people to hold and express different opinions at our meetings.
4. To debate respectfully and without malice or rancor, refraining at all times from rude, abusive and/or derogatory remarks that reflect upon a person's integrity, motive or personality.
5. To publicly share substantive information that is relevant to a matter under consideration that Board members may have received from sources outside the public decision-making process.
6. To preserve appropriate order and decorum during all meetings and discourage side conversations, disruptions, interruptions or delaying efforts, including limiting the use of personal electronic devices while seated at the dais, unless there is an urgent personal matter.
7. To first address the Chair to gain recognition before speaking. Once recognized, the member shall not be interrupted while speaking except to make a point of order. Comments and questions should be limited to the issue before the Board, and cross-exchange between Board members and the public should be avoided.
8. To support the maintenance of a positive and constructive work place for APCD employees and for the citizens and businesses dealing with the APCD. Members shall recognize their special role in dealings with APCD staff to in no way create the perception of inappropriate direction to staff.
9. To respect past decisions of the Board and move forward in a positive manner.
10. To call staff with questions on an agenda item in advance of the meeting, so staff can be properly prepared to respond.
11. To seek training on APCD mandates and programs, both as new and returning members.
12. To conduct all APCD affairs with fairness, honesty, integrity and respect.