Tulare Local Healthcare District

Rules of Meeting Decorum and Procedure

All meetings of the Tulare Local Health Care District Board of Directors shall be conducted in an orderly manner to ensure that the public has a full opportunity to be heard and that the decision making process of the Board is maintained at all times.

No person in attendance at a Tulare Local Healthcare District Board meeting shall make threatening, slanderous or profane remarks directed at any member of the Board, District staff or the general public whether such member is merely in attendance or addressing the Board.

Any person who makes such remarks, or who utters loud, threatening, intimidating or personally abusive language, or engages in any other conduct which constitutes a deliberate and substantial disruption, disturbance or impediment to the orderly conduct of the Board shall, at the direction of the President or designee of the Board (if the President is absent or refuses to act), be directed to be orderly. If, after receiving a warning from the President or said designee, such person persists in disturbing the meeting such that the Board cannot conduct its business in a reasonably efficient manner, the President or said designee shall order him or her to be silent or to leave the meeting.

If such person refuses to comply, the President or said designee shall recess the meeting while the Board consults with legal counsel and/or the appropriate law enforcement agency is contacted.

No person shall address the Board without first being recognized by the President. No Director or member of the District's staff shall be required to answer any direct question asked of said person by a member of the public during public comment.