



DECORUM POLICY

Effective Date: TBD

1. PURPOSE

As a democratically controlled and Member-owned Cooperative, Member participation in Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Cooperative” or “PEC”) affairs is valued and respected, and individuals should be allowed to state opinions. Meetings or functions of the Cooperative and any business interactions with the Cooperative, whether conducted on or off PEC premises or any PEC platform, shall be conducted in a professional and courteous manner.

2. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all Participants at meetings of PEC Board of Directors (“Board” or “Directors”) and any other business meeting or function of the Cooperative, and any business interactions with the Cooperative, whether on or off PEC premises or any PEC platform.

3. POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION

3.1. PEC Business Meetings, Functions, or Business Interactions with the Cooperative

- 3.1.1. Participants shall maintain an environment free of abusive, slanderous, or bullying behavior. To protect the security and safety of persons attending meetings or functions or with respect to any business interactions with the Cooperative, all Participants shall respect an individual’s physical space and refrain from any form of physical intimidation or abuse. Any behavior demonstrating or threatening violence, personal attacks, or physical abuse will not be tolerated.
- 3.1.2. Participants may not display placards, bumper stickers, signs, or other campaigning, or political advocacy materials within the premises of a PEC meeting or function, other than those materials displayed on the individual Participants’ body or clothing. Campaigning and electioneering for PEC elections is governed by the Cooperative’s Election Policy and Procedures.
- 3.1.3. Participants shall refrain from disruptive or distracting behavior or from harassing or similar behavior. Personal or character attacks, or improperly sidetracking the attention of other Participants with subject matter that is irrelevant to PEC or unrelated to PEC are examples of disruptive or distracting behavior.
- 3.1.4. Directors and PEC Employees shall behave in an orderly fashion and preserve the decorum of any business meeting or function conducted on or off PEC premises or with respect to any business interactions with or on behalf of the Cooperative.

- 3.2. **Board Meetings** PEC Board meetings are conducted in accordance with the [Board Meetings Policy](#), the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, as practicable, and “Board and Committees – ‘Procedure in Small Boards’” included therein.



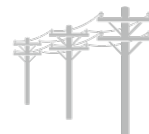
- 3.2.1. All Participants wishing to address the Board during the designated portion of a Board meeting shall sign a registry identifying themselves prior to speaking and shall open their remarks by stating their name and whether they are a Cooperative Member. Time allotted by the Board for each speaker cannot be shared or allotted with other speakers. The allotted time shall include and commence from the beginning of the speaker's remarks and include any time that passes during questioning or colloquy between the speaker and the Board. Additional time may be granted to a person by the Presiding Board Officer, or upon a majority vote of the Board.
- 3.2.2. When any Participant wishes to provide written or demonstrative materials to the Board or others, such Participant must, prior to the meeting's start, provide the information to the Board Secretary or their designee for distribution.
- 3.2.3. Participants shall refrain from disruptive or distracting behavior or from harassing or similar behavior. Personal or character attacks, speaking out of turn, approaching or standing at the Board meeting dais or areas designated for PEC employees without the permission of the Presiding Board Officer, or improperly sidetracking the attention of other Participants with subject matter that is irrelevant to PEC or unrelated to PEC are examples of disruptive or distracting behavior.
- 3.2.4. The Presiding Board Officer shall maintain order and preserve the decorum of Board meetings as provided in this Policy. Each Board Director shall cooperate with the Presiding Board Officer in preserving order and decorum, and no Participant shall, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings of the Board, nor disturb any person while speaking.

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1. **Participants** – Collectively includes Cooperative Board Directors, employees, Members, or any other persons in attendance at PEC Board meetings, other business meetings, functions, online interactions, or other discussions with respect to any business interactions with the Cooperative.

5. POLICY ENFORCEMENT

- 5.1. When a Participant's behavior violates this Policy, is severe, or threatens physical safety or property, the Presiding Board Officer, Chief Executive Officer, or designated Cooperative employee or agent may require the Participant to leave the PEC premises; to leave any PEC Board meeting, any other business meeting or function; or to discontinue any discussions regarding Cooperative business.
- 5.2. Upon repeated or severe violation of this Policy, the Presiding Board Officer, Chief Executive Officer, or designated Cooperative employee or agent, may prohibit a Participant from coming onto PEC premises, or from attendance at future PEC Board meetings, any other business meetings, functions, or discussions, or from oral discussions regarding Cooperative business. The duration of the prohibition shall be based upon the severity and nature of the violation and to be determined in the sole discretion of the Cooperative or its designee.
- 5.3. The Cooperative reserves the right to block, delete, or edit posts on its social media platforms where such posts are determined by PEC to be inappropriate, unprofessional, offensive, or otherwise in violation of PEC's policies.



6. REFERENCES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Board Meetings Policy

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (Latest edition, "Boards and Committees – Procedure in Small Boards")

Date adopted:	March 15, 2010
Last reviewed:	TBD
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Effective date:	TBD
Approver:	Board of Directors
Applies to:	All Participants at meetings of the Board of Directors, any other business meeting or function of the Cooperative or with respect to any business interactions with the Cooperative, whether on or off PEC premises or any PEC platform.
Administrator:	Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer
Superseding effect:	This Policy supersedes all previous policies and memoranda concerning the subject matter. Only the Approver may authorize exceptions to this Policy.

