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Title:	RULES OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS
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The BIA Governing Board (“Board”) adopts the following policy which shall be effective on the date that the policy is adopted by the Board. If applicable, once adopted this policy replaces any previously approved school policy currently in place that provided direction on the items in this policy.

This policy is adopted in accordance with state law to set forth the rules for conduct at public meetings.

Unless otherwise provided by law, all meetings of the BIA Governing Board are open to the public.

Members of the public are invited to attend all public meetings. Public notice shall be made for each board meeting, in accordance with the Georgia Open and Public Meetings Act, OCGA §50-14-1 et seq. All individuals in attendance at a public meeting are expected to conduct themselves with appropriate decorum and respect for board members and other meeting attendees.

Public comment shall be made available at each governing board meeting and posted on the agenda. All speakers are expected to abide by the BIA Public Comment Policy.

Visual and sound recording shall be permitted at public meetings of the BIA Board; provided however, recording equipment may not obstruct the view of Board members or other meeting attendees or disrupt the business of the meeting.

A member of the public may be removed from a governing board or committee meeting for an actual disruption of the proceedings after a verbal warning has been issued by the officer presiding over the meeting. Provided however, individuals engaging in violent behavior that would cause a person to reasonably fear injury or harm may be removed immediately without an initial verbal warning.

For the purposes of this policy, an “actual disruption” of a public meeting is defined as persistent disruptive conduct including, but not limited to, verbal or physical interruption of a meeting, shouting from the audience, speaking loudly as a member of the audience, unwanted or threatening approach towards board members or other audience members, the waving or hoisting of signs or other objects, or conduct which is violent and which is reasonably perceived to jeopardize the public health and safety.

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Authority: OCGA §20-2-58; §50-14-1 et seq.