**Section 101.600 Hearings**

a) All hearings are open to the public and are held in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.). The hearings will be held at locations ordered by the hearing officer. The hearing officer will select hearing locations that comply with any geographic requirements imposed by applicable law and, to the extent feasible, promote the attendance of interested members of the public, the convenience of the parties, and the conservation of the Board's resources. All hearings are subject to cancellation without notice. Interested persons may contact the Clerk's Office or the hearing officer for information about the hearing. Parties, participants, and members of the public must conduct themselves with decorum at the hearing.

b) Any Board hearing may be held by videoconference. Upon its own motion or the motion of any party, the Board or the hearing officer may order that a hearing be held by videoconference. In deciding whether a hearing should be held by videoconference, factors that the Board or the hearing officer will consider include cost-effectiveness, efficiency, facility accommodations, witness availability, public interest, the parties' preferences, and the proceeding's complexity and contentiousness.

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