

the question. In the discretion of the Chair, questions on cross-examination shall be reduced to writing and put by the County Solicitor attending the Board.

(c) Opposition's Presentation

1. Direct examination of opposition's witnesses.
2. Cross-examination of opposition's witnesses.

(d) Rebuttal by Applicant—The applicant may present evidence to rebut any evidence introduced by the opposition, but no new evidence may be introduced at this time.

(e) Summation by Petitioner.

(f) Summation by Opposition.

(g) Board's Action—The Board may ~~determine to grant or deny the application~~ MAKE ITS FINAL DECISION AND ORDER at the end of the ~~presentation~~ CASE, or it may take the case under advisement for further deliberation and later decision. For proper reasons shown, the Board may recess the case to receive additional evidence at a later time if it deems that it is essential in making the proper decision. The Board may not consider any additional evidence from either side after the hearing is concluded, except in a recessed case and then in open hearing. Any further attempts by either side to influence the decision of the Board after the hearing is not permitted. Any communications of any kind concerning the subject matter of the hearing shall not be considered.

2.402—Questions By Members—Any member, upon recognition by the Chair, may question any witness.

2.403—Maintenance of Order—It shall be the duty of the Chairman to maintain order during the hearing. Whenever confusion or disorder arises in the Hearing Room, or demonstrations of approval or disapproval are indulged in by persons in attendance, it shall be the duty of the Chair to enforce order on its own initiative without any point of order being made by a member. Under circumstances of confusion and disorder, the Chair shall have the power, and it shall be the duty of the Chair, to order the Hearing Room cleared or to recess the hearing, and the Chair may, upon its own motion and without a second or putting the matter to a vote order the hearing adjourned to a fixed hour and date.

2.404—Matters of Law—All matters of law raised by any party during a hearing shall be referred to the County Solicitor who shall advise the Board. The Board after receiving such advice shall sustain or overrule the objection but all objections thereto shall be entered in the transcript and shall be made a part of the Record of Proceedings.

2.500—Decision and Order

The final order of the Board denying the petition or granting the petition shall be in writing, signed by the Chairman and members, attested by the Secretary and shall be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law. The decision and order shall be made a part of the Record of Proceedings and shall be filed with the Zoning Enforcement Officer (in matters pertaining to zoning) or the Secretary in all other matters and maintained as part of the official records of the County. It shall be proper and permissible for any member who does not subscribe to the majority opinion to prepare a minority opinion. Each case