

TALBOT COUNTY

witnesses. All parties shall be entitled to examine their own witnesses and to cross-examine the witnesses of the opposing party. Only one person for each side may conduct the examination or cross-examination of each witness, unless otherwise permitted by the Board.

C. Documentary evidence may be introduced by any party in support of his or its position. Such documentary evidence shall become a permanent part of the record of the hearing, except that, with the permission of the Board, originals may be withdrawn upon the substitution of a photocopy of the same which the Board judges to be clear, readable and on substantial paper.

D. The applicant or appellant shall make a brief opening statement at the outset of the hearing and the appellee shall be accorded the privilege, which may be waived, of following with a brief opening statement prior to the taking of any testimony. In the event appellee's opening statement is waived immediately following applicant's or appellant's opening statement, appellee shall be accorded the privilege of making an opening statement at the conclusion of applicant's or appellant's testimony and before presenting appellee's witnesses and evidence. The applicant or appellant shall offer its witnesses and evidence at the outset of the hearing and at the conclusion of the applicant's or appellant's case, the appellee shall offer its witnesses and evidence. At the conclusion of all evidence, each side shall be permitted fifteen minutes of argument, unless a longer time is granted by the Board for good cause shown. The applicant or appellant shall speak first.

E. The Rules of Evidence set forth in Section 252 of the Administrative Procedure Act, as set forth in Article 41 of The Annotated Code of Maryland, shall obtain in all hearings.

VI. Decision of the Board.

At the conclusion of the hearing, or within thirty days thereafter, the Board shall render a written decision containing a statement as to the finding of facts and the conclusions of law upon which such decision is based. Copies of such written decision shall forthwith be furnished to each of the parties or their counsel.

VII. Rehearing.

In the event a party is entitled, pursuant to these rules, to a rehearing, the rehearing will consist of an argument on the record of the first hearing. Neither