- (2) CONVICTION OF ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE THE EFFECT OF WHICH IS TO PREVENT OR INTERFERE WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY DUTY OF THE BOARD;
- (3) FAILURE TO CARRY OUT DUTIES ASSIGNED BY THE BOARD OR ITS CHAIRMAN: OR
- (4) ACCEPTANCE OF ANY POSITION OR THE CONDUCT OF ANY BUSINESS THAT CONFLICTS OR TENDS TO CONFLICT WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY DUTY OF THE BOARD.

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- (A) THE BOARD OR ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD AS DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIRMAN SHALL HEAR AND DETERMINE ALL DISPUTES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.
- (B) THE BOARD SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION OVER ALL DISPUTES OTHER THAN LABOR DISPUTES ARISING UNDER A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT, OR AS A RESULT OF A BREACH OF A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER THE AWARDING OF A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT.
- (C) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A FINAL DECISION IN WRITING ON EACH DISPUTE SUBMITTED. A COPY OF THE DECISION SHALL BE DELIVERED OR MAILED TO THE SECRETARY AND TO EACH PARTY TO THE DISPUTE.
- (D) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH PROVIDE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, INFORMAL, EXPEDITIOUS, AND INEXPENSIVE RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS AND CONTROVERSIES.
- (E) A BOARD MEMBER MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY DETERMINATION OR VOTE IN ANY PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE MEMBER HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT PRIVATE INTEREST.

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THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT SHALL NOT APPLY TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE  $_{T}$  EXCEPT FOR THE ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD.

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- (A) AN-AGGRIEVED-PARTY, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT, MAY APPEAL-A-FINAL DECISION-OR-PART THEREOF, TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OR THE BALTIMORE CITY COURT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, WHERE THE PARTY RISIDES OR HAS ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS, PROVIDED THAT NOTICE OF THE APPEAL IS FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THE BOARD'S FINAL DECISION.
- (B) (1) IN THE EVENT OF AN APPEAL, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY -CONTRACT -PROVISION, REGULATION OR BULE OF LAW TO THE CONTRACY, NO DECISION BY THE BOARD ON A QUESTION OF LAW SHALL BE FINAL OR CONCLUSIVE.