

(6) Members of the Appeals Board shall serve full time, receive the compensation provided for in the budget, and be reimbursed for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations.

(7) The Appeals Board shall have such staff as is provided for in the budget.

(8) The Governor shall designate one of the members of the Appeals Board to serve as chairman.

(c) (1) The Appeals Board shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide all appeals arising under the provisions of § [17-201(d)] 11-137(F) of this [article] SUBTITLE.

(2) (I) Proceedings before the Appeals Board shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of [the Administrative Procedure Act as they relate to contested cases before agencies] TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT - CONTESTED CASES).

(II) The Appeals Board [shall], in accordance with the provisions of [the Administrative Procedure Act] TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT - REGULATIONS), SHALL adopt regulations [which] THAT are not inconsistent with that act to provide for informal, expeditious, and inexpensive resolution of appeals before the Appeals Board.

(3) The following time limits shall apply to contract dispute proceedings before the Appeals Board:

(i) [A] A brief, if required, shall be filed by the appellant and the respondent in the order and within the time limits established by the presiding Appeals Board member after consultation with both parties; and

(ii) [The] THE final decision of the Appeals Board shall be rendered within 180 days after all briefs in the case have been filed or the record is otherwise closed, whichever is later, unless both parties to the contract dispute agree to an enlargement of this period.

(4) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH ANY PARTY TO A DISPUTE BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD MAY OBTAIN DISCOVERY REGARDING ANY MATTER THAT IS NOT PRIVILEGED AND THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER INVOLVED IN THE PENDING APPEAL.

(II) IN AN APPEAL CONCERNING A COMPLAINT RELATING TO THE FORMATION OF A CONTRACT, UNLESS THE APPEALS BOARD FINDS THAT EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE LIMITED ADDITIONAL DISCOVERY TO AVOID EITHER SUBSTANTIAL UNFAIRNESS OR PREJUDICE, IN A-BID-PROTEST-APPEAL DISCOVERY SHALL BE LIMITED TO REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS.