

(3) The county board shall maintain a list of at least 10 hearing officers who:

(i) May be selected from the list of State-approved hearing officers under subsection (b)(2) of this section; and

(ii) Shall have a general knowledge of the law relating to the placement of handicapped children.

(4) Unless otherwise agreed by both parties, the hearing officer or panel members shall be chosen in rotating alphabetical sequence from those officers on the list maintained by the county board who satisfy the requirements of paragraph (2).

(5) An individual may not serve as the hearing officer or a board member if he:

(i) Is an employee of the State Board or any county board; or

(ii) Has an interest that would conflict with his objectivity in the hearing.

(6) Within the same 45-day period, the hearing officer or the hearing board shall review the request and make a decision.

(b) (1) After exhausting all locally available administrative remedies and procedures, a parent or guardian of a handicapped child or the county board that is responsible for providing special educational services for the child may make a written request to the State Board for a review of the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of the child or the provision of a free appropriate education for the child.

(2) The State Board shall maintain a list of at least 30 hearing officers who are knowledgeable regarding the education of handicapped children.

(3) An individual may not serve as a hearing board member if he:

(i) Is an employee of the State Board or of any county board; or

(ii) Has an interest that would conflict with his objectivity in the hearing.

(4) Training and experience gained, including areas of expertise, shall be summarized by each hearing officer listed and made available to public scrutiny.