

(I) REVIEW THE OFFICE'S PROPOSED FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, OR ORDER;

(II) ISSUE THE PROPOSED DECISION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE OFFICE'S PROPOSED FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, OR ORDER WITH OR WITHOUT MODIFICATION; AND

(III) SEND THE PROPOSED DECISION AND A COPY OF THE OFFICE'S PROPOSED FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, OR ORDER TO THE PARTIES.

(2) THE TIME LIMIT SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE EXTENDED BY THE AGENCY HEAD, BOARD, OR COMMISSION WITH WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE PARTIES.

(D) A PROPOSED DECISION OR ORDER, INCLUDING PROPOSED DECISIONS OR ORDERS ISSUED FOR CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS SUBJECT TO THIS SUBTITLE BUT NOT CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE, SHALL:

(1) BE IN WRITING OR STATED ON THE RECORD;

(2) CONTAIN SEPARATE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW;

(3) INCLUDE AN EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURES AND TIME LIMITS FOR FILING EXCEPTIONS; AND

(4) IF THE OFFICE CONDUCTED THE HEARING AND THE AGENCY'S PROPOSED DECISION INCLUDES ANY CHANGES, MODIFICATIONS, OR AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICE'S PROPOSED FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, OR ORDERS, CONTAIN AN EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS FOR EACH CHANGE, MODIFICATION, OR AMENDMENT.

**[10-214.] 10-221. FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS.**

(a) A final decision or order in a contested case that is adverse to a party shall be in writing or stated on the record.

(b) (1) A final decision in a contested case shall contain separate statements of:

(i) the findings of fact; [and]

(ii) the conclusions of law; AND

(III) THE ORDER.

(2) A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF APPEAL RIGHTS SHALL BE INCLUDED WITH THE DECISION.

[(2)] (3) If the findings of fact are stated in statutory language, the final decision shall state concisely and explicitly the facts that support the findings.

[(3)] (4) If, in accordance with regulations, a party submitted proposed findings of fact, the final decision shall state a ruling on each proposed finding.