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(a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board shall commence proceedings under [§ 15-318] § 15-317 of this subtitle on a complaint made to the Board by a member or any other person.

(b) (1) A complaint shall:

(i) be in writing;

(ii) state specifically the facts on which the complaint is based; and

(iii) be submitted to the secretary of the Board.

(2) If the complaint is made by any person other than a member of the Board, the complaint shall be made under oath by the person who submits the complaint.

(c) If the Board finds that a complaint alleges facts that are adequate grounds for action under [§ 15-318] § 15-317 of this subtitle, the Board shall act on the complaint as provided under [§ 15-320] § 15-319 of this subtitle. If the Board does not make that finding, it shall dismiss the complaint.

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(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in § 10-226 of the State Government Article, before the Board takes any final action under [§ 15-318] § 15-317 of this subtitle, it shall give the individual against whom the action is contemplated an opportunity for a hearing before the Board.

(2) A hearing shall be set down within a reasonable time, not exceeding 6 months, after the Board has brought charges against the licensee.

(b) The Board shall give notice and hold the hearing in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

(c) The Board may administer oaths in connection with any proceeding under this section.

(d) At least 30 days before the hearing, the hearing notice and a copy of the complaint shall be:

(1) served personally on the individual; or

(2) mailed to the last known address of the individual.

(e) The individual may be represented at the hearing by counsel.

(f) If, after due notice, the individual against whom the action is contemplated fails or refuses to appear, nevertheless the Board may hear and determine the matter.