- (E) (1) IF THE BOARD IS UNABLE TO REACH A DETERMINATION BASED ON THE WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS BEFORE IT, THE BOARD MAY SCHEDULE AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE TO HEAR FROM THE COMPLAINANT, THE PUBLIC BODY, OR ANY OTHER PERSON WITH RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT.
- (2) AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED BY THE BOARD IS NOT A "CONTESTED CASE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF § 10–201(C) OF THIS ARTICLE.
- (3) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN OPINION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE INFORMAL CONFERENCE.
- (F) (1) IF THE BOARD IS UNABLE TO RENDER AN OPINION ON A COMPLAINT <u>WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION</u> (D) OR (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL:
- (I) STATE IN WRITING THE REASON FOR ITS INABILITY; \underline{AND}
- (II) ISSUE AN OPINION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE COMPLAINT.
- (2) AN OPINION OF THE BOARD MAY STATE THAT THE BOARD IS UNABLE TO RESOLVE THE COMPLAINT.
- (G) THE BOARD SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE WRITTEN OPINION TO THE COMPLAINANT AND TO THE AFFECTED PUBLIC BODY.
- (H) (1) ON A PERIODIC BASIS, THE BOARD MAY SEND TO ANY PUBLIC BODY IN THE STATE ANY WRITTEN OPINION THAT WILL PROVIDE THE PUBLIC BODY WITH GUIDANCE ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- (2) ON REQUEST, A COPY OF A WRITTEN OPINION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ANY PERSON.
 - (I) (1) THE OPINIONS OF THE BOARD ARE ADVISORY ONLY.
- (2) THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE OR COMPEL ANY SPECIFIC ACTIONS BY A PUBLIC BODY.
- (J) A WRITTEN OPINION ISSUED BY THE BOARD MAY NOT BE INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE IN A PROCEEDING CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10–510 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

10-502.6.

(A) ON RECEIPT OF A <u>AN ORAL OR WRITTEN</u> COMPLAINT BY ANY PERSON THAT A MEETING REQUIRED TO BE OPEN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE WILL BE CLOSED IN VIOLATION OF THIS