

112-114-9. Hearing procedure. (a) The presiding officer at each hearing shall regulate the course of the proceedings.

(b) To the extent necessary for full disclosure of all relevant facts and issues, the presiding officer shall afford to all parties the opportunity to respond, present evidence and argument, conduct cross-examination, and submit rebuttal evidence.

(c) Upon the request of the respondent, the presiding officer may conduct all or part of the hearing by telephone or other electronic means, if each participant in the hearing has an opportunity to participate in the entire proceeding while it is taking place.

(d) The presiding officer shall cause the hearing to be recorded at the commission's expense. The commission shall not be required to prepare a transcript at its expense. Subject to any reasonable conditions that the presiding officer may establish, any party may cause a person other than the commission to prepare a transcript of the proceedings.

(e) Each hearing shall be open to public observation, except for deliberations and parts that the presiding officer states are to be closed pursuant to a provision of law expressly authorizing closure. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 74-8751 and 74-8772; effective May 1, 2009.)