

**657—36.8(17A,124B,147,155A,272C) Order of proceedings.** Before testimony is presented, the record shall show the identity of any board members present, the presiding hearing officer, the primary parties and their representatives, and the fact that all testimony is being recorded.

Hearings before the board generally follow the order established by this rule.

1. The presiding officer may read the specification of charges and the answer thereto, or other responsive pleading, filed by the respondent prior to the hearing.

2. The assistant attorney general representing the public interest before the board may make an opening statement.

3. Each respondent shall be offered the opportunity to make an opening statement. A respondent may elect to reserve an opening statement until just prior to the presentation of evidence by the respondent.

4. Evidence is presented on behalf of the public.

5. Evidence is presented on behalf of the respondent(s).

6. Rebuttal evidence is presented on behalf of the public.

7. Rebuttal evidence is presented on behalf of the respondent(s).

8. The parties are offered the opportunity to make closing arguments, first on behalf of the public, then on behalf of the respondent, and then on behalf of the public.