

497—2.4(23) Settlements. Settlements may be negotiated during an investigation or after the commencement of a contested case proceeding. Negotiations shall be conducted between the prosecutor and a governmental body or government official against whom a complaint has been filed.

2.4(1) Board member participation. The board may designate the chairperson or another board member to participate in settlement negotiations after initiation of a contested case.

2.4(2) Ex parte communications. If settlement negotiations are undertaken after a contested case has been initiated, the respondent may be required to waive any objections to ex parte communications concerning settlement discussions.

2.4(3) Approval. A settlement shall be in writing and is subject to approval of a majority of the board. If the board declines to approve a proposed settlement, the settlement shall be of no force or effect.

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