

**04 NCAC 03B .0227      HEARINGS**

- (a) Prior to the commencement of a hearing, the hearing officer shall rule on any outstanding motions.
- (b) Once a hearing has begun the hearing officer, may adjourn the hearing and reconvene the same at a later time or date.
- (c) Hearings are open to the public, except as to any testimony or other evidence regarding matters made confidential by law.
- (d) Hearings shall be conducted in a manner which conforms to the Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Evidence. The order of evidence shall be determined by the hearing officer.
- (e) Persons permitted to intervene pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure shall be permitted to participate in the hearing only to the extent the hearing officer determines is necessary for a full and fair adjudication of the case.

*History Note:*      *Authority G.S. 53-92(d); 53-93; 150B-38(h);  
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