

§30-25-9. Procedure for hearings.

(a) Whenever the board shall deny an application for any original or renewal license or deny an application for an emergency permit or shall suspend or revoke any license or emergency permit, it shall make and enter an order to that effect and serve a copy thereof on the applicant or licensee, as the case may be, by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such order shall state the grounds for the action taken and shall require that any license or emergency permit suspended or revoked thereby shall be returned to the board by the holder within twenty days after receipt of said order.

(b) Any person adversely affected by any such order shall be entitled to a hearing thereon (as to all issues not excluded from the definition of a "contested case" set forth in article one, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code) if, within twenty days after receipt of a copy thereof, he files with the board a written demand for such hearing. A demand for hearing shall operate automatically to stay or suspend the execution of any order suspending or revoking a license or emergency permit or denying an application for a renewal license. The board may require the person demanding such hearing to give reasonable security for the costs thereof and if such person does not substantially prevail at such hearing such costs shall be assessed against him and may be collected by an action at law or other proper remedy.

(c) Upon receipt of a written demand for such hearing, the board shall set a time and place therefor not less than ten and not more than thirty days thereafter. Any scheduled hearing may be continued by the board upon its own motion or for good cause shown by the person demanding the hearing.

(d) All of the pertinent provisions of article five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code shall apply to and govern the hearing and the administrative procedures in connection with and following such hearing, with like effect as if the provisions of said article five were set forth in this subsection.

(e) Any such hearing shall be conducted by a quorum of the board. For the purpose of conducting any such hearing any member of the board shall have the power and authority to issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum which shall be issued and served within the time, for the fees and shall be enforced, as specified in section one, article five of said chapter twenty-nine-a.

(f) At any such hearing the person who demanded the same may represent himself or be represented by an attorney-at-law admitted to practice before any circuit court of this state. Upon request by the board, it shall be represented at any such hearing by the attorney general or his assistants without additional compensation.

(g) After any such hearing and consideration of all of the testimony, evidence and record in the case, the board shall render its decision in writing. The written decision of the board shall be accompanied by

findings of fact and conclusions of law as specified in section three, article five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, and a copy of such decision and accompanying findings and conclusions shall be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, upon the person demanding such hearing and his attorney of record, if any.

(h) The decision of the board shall be final unless reversed, vacated or modified upon judicial review thereof in accordance with the provisions of section ten of this article.