**Section 1.158 Public Hearing − Recording − Confidentiality**

a) All hearings shall be open to the public, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b).

b) Upon motion of either party, the hearing may be closed to the public when testimony or exhibits would refer to and reveal matters that constitute an exception to public disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act [5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)] or if the Administrative Law Judge finds it necessary to close the hearing in instances in which personal safety is of concern or when confidential testimony/exhibits/matters are to be referenced or revealed.

c) Recording of hearings by devices used by individuals other than the officially designated court reporter or Administrative Law Judge is not allowed.

(Source: Amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 3485, effective March 3, 2010)