**Section 1130.1060 Prehearing Conferences**

a) A prehearing conference may be scheduled by the administrative law judge or HFSRB at their discretion or as a result of a request pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section.  This conference shall be held prior to the date of hearing and shall be for the purpose of considering:

1) the simplification of the issues;

2) amendments to the pleadings;

3) the possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents that will avoid unnecessary proof;

4) the limitation of the number of expert witness; and

5) any other matters that may aid in the disposition of the hearing.

b) In any proceedings under this Section in which HFSRB has not scheduled a prehearing conference, any party to the proceedings may request the scheduling of a prehearing conference. The request shall be made in writing and received by the administrative law judge at least five days prior to the scheduled date of hearing. The requesting party shall serve all other parties to the proceedings with a copy of the request.

c) Upon the receipt of a request for a prehearing conference in accordance with subsection (b) of this Section, the administrative law judge shall schedule the prehearing conference and notify all parties of the date, time and place of the conference.

d) After a prehearing conference, the administrative law judge shall make a report that recites any action taken by the administrative law judge and any agreements made by the parties as to any of the matters considered.

e) Any party may request additional prehearing conferences. The administrative law judge, in his or her discretion, may deny or grant the request.

f) A certified stenographic reporter (court reporter) may not be present at a prehearing conference unless one of the parties to the proceeding or the administrative law judge requests a court reporter to be present. The request shall be received by HFSRB at least two working days in advance of the scheduled prehearing conference. The party, other than the administrative law judge or HFSRB, requesting the presence of the court report shall be billed directly for the attendance fee of the reporter.

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