

# What to Expect at the Hearing

- ▶ The Commissioner is not bound by the rules of evidence or the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act; §§ 4-151 (b) and 4-164a;
- ▶ The Commissioner may call witnesses, examine and cross-examine any witness, require information not offered and stipulate matters to be argued; § 4-151 (b);
- ▶ Hearing procedure governed by regulations §§ 4-157-1 to 4-157-17;
- ▶ Rules of evidence are relaxed and focused on probative value; Regs § 4-157-17;
- ▶ Objections and motions allowed; Regs § 4-157-11;
- ▶ Parties are expected to pre-mark exhibits prior to hearing;
- ▶ Opening statements and post-hearing briefs are not typically requested by the Commissioner. Closing statements are typically invited.