**Section 205.60 Parties**

Parties to the License Hearing consist of persons who have filed an application for an organization license. No other person, other than outside counsel for the parties, a witness or witnesses called by the parties pursuant to the rules of evidence, may participate in the License Hearing before the Racing Board or its duly appointed hearing officer, except that this provision shall not be construed to prohibit the Board and/or the hearing officer from taking official notice of staff data or memoranda pursuant to Section 10-40 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100/10-40]. The Board shall be permitted to call lay and/or expert witnesses. This Section shall not prohibit representatives of any organization representing the largest number of horse owners, trainers, drivers or jockeys that has negotiated a contract with the organization licensee from providing testimonial or other evidence of its membership's position on any application at the invitation of the Board or other party, subject to Sections 205.95 and 205.100 evidentiary rules and cross examination. Permission to an organization to provide testimony under this Section shall not make that organization a party or confer any of the rights of a party on that organization. In addition to the parties named in this Section, the Board may request that the Attorney General of the State of Illinois participate as a party to the License Hearing (see 230 ILCS 5/16(e)).

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