**Section 226.660 Powers and Duties of Hearing Officer**

The hearing officer shall conduct the hearing and, with respect to the hearing, shall have, but is not limited to, the following powers:

a) To administer, or to authorize the court reporter to administer, oaths;

b) To examine witnesses;

c) To authorize the issuance of subpoenas;

d) To rule upon the admissibility of evidence;

e) To order independent evaluations;

f) To grant specific extensions of time;

g) To read into the hearing record any stipulations of fact and other matters agreed upon at the pre-hearing conference and to enter into the record any pre-hearing orders;

h) To render decisions and issue orders and clarifications.

(Source: Amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 9915, effective June 28, 2007)