

Discipline hearings

Guidelines for members of the public

The college's Discipline Committee conducts hearings under the authority of the *Health Professions Act*.

Hearings are open to the public, and these guidelines are intended to ensure that hearings are conducted in a professional, safe, and respectful manner.

1. Hearing dates and times are subject to change or cancellation up to the commencement of the hearing. Anyone planning to attend a hearing should check the college's website for possible updates.
2. The Chair of the Panel conducting a hearing may order that part or all of the hearing be held in private. Members of the public may not attend any private portion of a hearing.
3. No recording of the proceedings is permitted except for any used by the court reporter in creating the official transcript. No electronic devices may be used during a hearing. Photography, or any video or audio recording of a hearing, is not permitted, except as provided in paragraph 5.
4. Media may use electronic devices to audio record a hearing for the purpose of verifying their notes.
5. The Chair may order any member of the public who talks or otherwise disrupts a hearing to leave.
6. Any member of the public may be required to leave, or may be denied attendance, at the discretion of the Chair.
7. The Chair may make any orders he or she considers necessary to ensure a hearing is conducted in a professional, safe and respectful manner.