Dissenting Opinions

In the event members are unable to come to a unanimous decision, the two situations below describe the exchange of information that should occur.

When the panel member dissents:

The dissenting member must provide the panel chair with the reasons for dissent within 48 hours of the hearing. The panel chair is to consider the reasons for dissent and is responsible for providing a copy of the dissenting opinion to the Tribunal along with the majority decision.

When the panel chair dissents:

The panel chair must provide the panel members with the reasons for dissent within 48 hours of the hearing. The panel members must write the reasons for the majority decision, consider the reasons for dissent, and then provide the majority decision to the panel chair. The panel chair is responsible for providing a copy of the dissenting opinion to the Tribunal along with the majority decision.