§ 453.05  Committee meetings.

(a) The committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman or five of its members.

(b) Five members of the Committee or their representatives shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any function of the Committee, except that in no case shall any representative be considered in determining the existence of a quorum for the transaction of a Committee function which involves a vote by the Committee on the Committee’s final determinations.

(b) Public hearing. (1) When the Chairman or four Committee members decide that oral presentations are necessary to enable the Committee to make its final determinations, a public hearing shall be held.

(2) The public hearing shall be conducted by (i) the Committee or (ii) a member of the Committee or other person, designated by the Chairman or by four members of the Committee.

(3) Notice. The Chairman shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a general notice of a public hearing, stating the time, place and nature of the public hearing.

(4) Procedure. The public hearing shall be open to the public and conducted in an informal manner. All information relevant to the Committee’s final determinations shall be admissible, subject to the imposition of reasonable time limitations on oral testimony.

(5) Transcript. Public hearings will be recorded verbatim and a transcript thereof will be available for public inspection.

§ 453.06  Additional Committee powers.

(a) Secure information. Subject to the Privacy Act, the Committee may secure information directly from any Federal agency when necessary to enable it to carry out its duties.

(b) Subpoenas. For the purpose of obtaining information necessary for the consideration of an application for an exemption, the Committee may issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of relevant papers, books, and documents.

(c) Rules and orders. The Committee may issue and amend such rules and orders as are necessary to carry out its duties.

(d) Delegate authority. The Committee may delegate its authority under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section to any member.