

Process Checklist – Self-Represented

Real Estate Act s.41 Contested Hearing – Phase 1

File name and number: _____

Counsel for the Registrar: _____

Your name: _____

CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS	
1. The Chair will state the purpose of the proceedings: to hold a hearing into allegations of Conduct Deserving of Sanction against you as outlined in the Notice of Hearing.	
2. The Chair will state that is a contested hearing. There are two phases to a contested hearing. The panel will only deal with Phase 1 at this time.	
3. The Chair will introduce themselves.	
4. The Chair will ask the other panel members to introduce themselves.	
5. The Chair will ask the counsel for the registrar to introduce themselves.	
6. The Chair will ask you to introduce yourself.	
7. The Chair will ask independent legal counsel to the panel to introduce themselves.	
8. The Chair will explain the role of the independent legal counsel to the panel is to provide legal advice to the panel only throughout the proceedings.	
9. The Chair will ask the hearings administrator to introduce herself.	
10. The Chair will confirm whether there is anyone else in the room, other than the panel members, independent legal counsel, you/your lawyer, and the counsel for the registrar. If so, the Chair will ask in what capacity they are present. For example, are they observers? Are there witnesses in the room?	
11. If there are observers, the Chair will confirm that all observers have provided their names to the hearings administrator in advance of the hearing. If not, the Chair will have them give their name to the hearings administrator. A short pause in the hearing may be required.	
12. If there are witnesses, the Chair will ask that the witnesses wait in the waiting room outside of the hearing room and the panel will call them when they are ready to receive their testimony (evidence).	

13. The Chair will instruct everyone present in the hearing room to turn off all electronic devices.	
14. The Chair will state that, in accordance with RECA's electronics policy, the panel only permits the hearings administrator to record the hearing. RECA strictly prohibits any other types of recordings.	
15. The Chair will confirm that the hearings administrator is digitally recording the proceedings.	
16. The Chair will state the panel understands that the hearing is a contested hearing. There are two phases to a contested hearing. The panel is dealing with Phase 1 at this time. In Phase 1, the hearing panel receives and reviews the Notice of Hearing and considers both the counsel for the registrar and your case and both of your responses with respect to allegations of Conduct Deserving of Sanction outlined in the Notice of Hearing. The panel may make a decision about Conduct Deserving of Sanction in Phase 1. If after this phase completes with findings of Conduct Deserving of Sanction, Phase 2 of a contested hearing may begin. This Phase 2 is the sanctioning phase of a contested hearing. We do not expect to deal with Phase 2 until Phase 1 is complete.	
17. The Chair will ask you and the counsel for the registrar if either of you has any objections to the hearing panel members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If there is an objection, the Chair will hear submissions (statements) from you and the counsel for the registrar, (whomever objected first, goes first, next is the response from the other party, and the objecting party has an opportunity to rebut (dispute) the response.) The Chair will make a decision on the issue. b. If there are no objections, the Chair will state, "There are no objections." 	
18. The Chair will advise everyone if they have any questions, during the proceeding, kindly address them to the Chair.	
19. The Chair will ask you if you have legal counsel representing you. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If legal counsel is not representing you, the Chair will confirm that you are aware of your right to legal counsel (it is set out in the Notice of Hearing). b. The Chair will confirm that you wish to proceed self-represented (representing yourself). 	
20. Overview of the process for the hearing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Chair will ask if there are any preliminary matters. b. The counsel for the registrar will give their opening statement. c. You will give your opening statement. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. The counsel for the registrar will call their case, including witnesses and other evidence. e. You will have an opportunity to cross-examine (question) the counsel for the registrar’s witnesses. f. The counsel for the registrar may ask their witnesses questions on re-direct (after you question the counsel for the registrar’s witnesses). g. The hearing panel may ask the counsel for the registrar’s witnesses clarifying questions. h. You will call your case, including witnesses and other evidence. i. The counsel for the registrar will have an opportunity to cross-examine (question) your witnesses. j. You may ask your witnesses questions on re-direct (after the counsel for the registrar finishes questioning your witnesses). k. The hearing panel may ask your witnesses clarifying questions. l. The counsel for the registrar may give their closing submissions (statements) about Conduct Deserving of Sanction. m. You may give your closing submissions (statements) about Conduct Deserving of Sanction. n. The panel may ask questions. o. The hearing will end and the panel will prepare a written decision about Conduct Deserving of Sanction. 	
THE HEARING	
21. The Chair will ask you and the counsel for the registrar if you have any, preliminary (opening) issues, questions, or concerns before the proceeding.	
22. The Chair will ask that the Notice of Hearing be an exhibit in the hearing, if the counsel for the registrar has not already done so.	
23. The Chair will ask the counsel for the registrar if they will be making an opening statement.	
24. The Chair will ask you if you will be making an opening statement.	
25. The Chair will ask the counsel for the registrar how many witnesses they expect to call and if the witnesses are present today (in the witness waiting room).	
26. The Chair will ask you how many witnesses you expect to call and if the witnesses are present today (in the witness waiting room).	
27. The Chair will ask you and the counsel for the registrar if you have any questions or concerns before proceeding.	

PARTIES' OPENING STATEMENTS	
28. If the counsel for the registrar indicated, to the Chair, that they would be making an opening statement, the Chair will ask them to begin.	
29. If you indicated to the Chair that you would be making an opening statement, the Chair will ask you to begin. This is only an opening statement ; you should not go into your evidence, at this time that is further down in the hearing process.	
COUNSEL FOR THE REGISTRAR'S PRESENTATION	
30. The Chair will state that the counsel for the registrar has the burden of proving the case on a balance of probabilities.	
31. The Chair will ask the counsel for the registrar to begin the presentation of their case, including calling their witnesses and presenting their documents.	
32. The Chair will ask the hearings administrator to affirm each of the counsel for the registrar's witnesses.	
33. The counsel for the registrar will call their first witness.	
34. As the counsel for the registrar enters documents through their witness, the Chair will confirm that all parties have received the documents. The counsel for the registrar will have the documents entered as exhibits. If not, the Chair will confirm that the documents be entered as exhibits and have the hearings administrator mark them as exhibits.	
35. The Chair will invite you to cross-examine (question) the counsel for the registrar's witness.	
36. The Chair will invite the counsel for the registrar to ask the witness questions on re-direct examination (after you have questioned the counsel for the registrar's witness).	
37. The Chair will invite the hearing panel to ask the witness clarifying questions.	
38. The counsel for the registrar will repeat steps # 33 – 37 for each of the counsel for the registrar's witnesses.	
YOUR PRESENTATION	
39. The Chair will ask you to begin the presentation of your case, including calling your witnesses and presenting your documents.	
40. The Chair will ask the hearings administrator to affirm each of your witnesses.	
41. You will call your first witness.	
42. As you enter documents through your witness, confirm that all parties have received your documents. You will ask that the documents become exhibits in the hearing.	
43. The Chair will invite the counsel for the registrar to cross-examine (question) your witness.	

44. The Chair will invite you to ask your witness questions on re-direct examination (after the counsel for the registrar finishes questioning your witness).	
45. The Chair will invite the hearing panel to ask your witness clarifying questions.	
46. You will repeat steps # 41 – 45 for each of your witnesses.	
COUNSEL FOR THE REGISTRAR'S REBUTTAL	
47. The Chair will invite the counsel for the registrar to give a rebuttal, (will respond to your presentation) if they choose.	
PARTIES' CLOSING SUBMISSIONS	
48. The Chair will invite the counsel for the registrar to make their closing submissions (statements).	
49. The Chair will invite you to make your closing submissions (statements).	
50. The Chair will invite the counsel for the registrar to respond to your closing submissions (will respond to your closing statements).	
PANEL'S CLOSING REMARKS	
51. The Chair will give the hearing panel's closing remarks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Thank everyone for their attendance. b. They will advise you and the counsel for the registrar the panel will make a decision regarding to Conduct Deserving of Sanction (Phase 1) and will advise you and the counsel for the registrar in writing as soon as possible. 	