

## Board Review of Administrative Law Judge Decisions

## **Summary of Discussion**

This short item will walk through the Board's process for adopting or rejecting the decisions of administrative law judges in contested administrative matters. Topics to be covered include the Board's options when presented with a proposed decision by an ALJ; the statutory prohibition on *ex parte* contacts with interested parties; determining the need for recusal from a particular matter; and the significance of making a decision precedential.