

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

BOX, INC., and DROPBOX, INC.,
Petitioners

v.

TOPIA TECHNOLOGY, INC.,
Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2023-00427
U.S. Patent No. 9,143,561

PETITIONERS' REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a), Petitioners Box, Inc. and Dropbox, Inc. request an oral hearing on all grounds of unpatentability raised in this proceeding. Petitioners also request an oral hearing on any issues raised by Patent Owner in any forthcoming request for oral hearing, any procedural or evidentiary issues raised by the parties, and any additional issues or questions raised by the Board or the parties before or during the oral argument.

Petitioners request 60 minutes total to address all of the issues involved in this proceeding. To the extent the Board schedules the hearing to last more than 60 minutes total or provides further opportunity to address the issues (such as a closing statement), however, Petitioners request that they be given time equal to that given to Patent Owner.

Petitioners further request that they be permitted to speak first at oral argument as the parties bearing the burden of showing the unpatentability of the challenged claims, and that they be permitted to reserve time for rebuttal following Patent Owner's allotted argument time.

Petitioners request that the oral hearing be held virtually by videoconference. If the Board requires an in-person hearing, Petitioners request the hearing be held at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, to the extent practicable including the capacity of the hearing room. Petitioners believe that there will be no more than four attorneys and clients present for this oral hearing on behalf of Petitioners.

Should arguments take place in person, Petitioners also request that their attorneys be allowed to use computers at the hearing (in addition to counsel making arguments using their computer(s) to show the demonstratives) to avoid the need for the parties to bring entire paper copies of the record into the hearing room and to facilitate efficient answering of panel questions. Petitioners further request the use of audio-visual equipment suitable to display papers of record and demonstrative exhibits, including a computer-connectable projector, an ELMO, and a screen.

Petitioners further request the services of a court reporter to transcribe the proceeding.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6, that a complete copy of the foregoing **PETITIONERS' REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING** and related documents are being served via electronic mail on the 20th day of February 2024, upon Patent Owner by serving its counsel of record below via email to topia@sughrue.com.

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