WAC 308-420-270 Conduct of brief adjudicative proceedings. (1)Brief adjudicative proceedings shall be conducted by a presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings designated by the director. The presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings shall not have personally participated in the decision which resulted in the request for a brief adjudicative proceeding.

(2) The parties or their representatives may present written documentation. The presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings shall designate the date by which written documents must be submitted by the parties.

(3) The presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings may, in his or her discretion, entertain oral argument from the parties or their representatives.

(4) No witnesses may appear to testify.(5) In addition to the record, the presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings may employ agency expertise as a basis for the decision.

The presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings (6) shall not issue an oral order. Within ten days of the final date for submission of materials or oral argument, if any, the presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings shall enter an initial order.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.410 (1)(a) and 34.05.482 (1)(c). WSR 97-10-048, § 308-420-270, filed 5/1/97, effective 6/1/97.]