- WAC 391-95-220 Settlement conference. Separate from any prehearing conference concerning procedural matters held by the examiner under WAC 10-08-130, a settlement conference concerning substantive issues may be held under WAC 10-08-200 (15).
- (1) A separate case number shall be assigned, and all files and papers for the settlement conference shall be kept separate from the files and papers for the nonassociation proceeding.
- (2) A commission staff member other than the assigned examiner shall be assigned to mediate between the parties on the substantive issues.
- (3) Any settlement conference shall be held in advance of the scheduled hearing date on the underlying nonassociation proceedings.
- (4) During a settlement conference, the parties will be encouraged, on factual and legal grounds including precedent on the particular subject, to resolve the nonassociation dispute. Participation in a settlement conference is voluntary and refusal by a party to participate in a settlement shall not prejudice that party in any manner. Conversations had and offers made in a settlement mediation shall not be admissible in evidence at a hearing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.080. WSR 08-04-059, § 391-95-220, filed 1/31/08, effective 4/1/08.]