

**WAC 391-55-030 Assignment of mediator.** (1) Upon submission of a request under WAC 391-55-010 or 391-55-020, a member of the agency staff will be assigned as mediator at the discretion of the executive director. If the parties have stipulated to the names of one or more persons who are acceptable to both parties as mediator, their request will be considered in making the assignment.

(2) For negotiations involving a bargaining unit eligible for interest arbitration under RCW 41.56.028, 41.56.029, 41.56.475, 41.56.510, 41.56.516, 41.80.200, 41.80.310, 47.64.300, or 74.39A.270 (2)(c), if an agreement has not been reached by June 1st of the year in which negotiations occurred, a mediator will be preassigned. The parties are encouraged to meet with the mediator as soon as practicable. For bargaining units eligible for interest arbitration under RCW 47.64.300, the parties may still mutually agree to waive mediation under RCW 47.64.230.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.080, 47.64.135, and 49.39.060. WSR 22-23-101, § 391-55-030, filed 11/16/22, effective 1/1/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-55-030, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 99-14-060, § 391-55-030, filed 7/1/99, effective 8/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-049 (Order 80-8), § 391-55-030, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]