

**WAC 72-108-020 Appointment of presiding officers.** Unless the hearing is assigned to the office of administrative hearings, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall designate a presiding officer for an adjudicative proceeding. The presiding officer shall be an administrative law judge, a member in good standing of the Washington State Bar Association, a panel of individuals, the superintendent or their designee, or any combination of the above. Where more than one individual is designated to be the presiding officer, one person shall be designated by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee to make decisions concerning discovery, closure, means of recording adjudicative proceedings, and similar matters.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 72.40.022, 34.05.220, 34.05.250, 28A.155.010, and 42.56.100. WSR 24-16-108, § 72-108-020, filed 8/5/24, effective 9/5/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 72.40.022, 34.05.220 (1)(a) and 34.05.250. WSR 90-16-004, § 72-108-020, filed 7/19/90, effective 8/19/90.]