

**WAC 246-10-503 Conduct of brief adjudicative proceedings. (1)**

Brief adjudicative proceedings shall be conducted by a presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings designated by the assistant secretary having responsibility for the program that issued the initiating document that is the subject of the proceeding. The presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings shall have agency expertise in the subject matter but shall not have personally participated in the decision to issue the initiating document.

(2) The parties or their representatives may present written documentation in addition to the preliminary record. 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, at a time and place designated by the presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings.

(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 decision.

(6) The presiding officer for brief adjudicative proceedings 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 in accordance with WAC 246-10-608.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.050 and 43.70.040. WSR 96-21-027, § 246-10-503, filed 10/7/96, effective 11/7/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 94-04-079, § 246-10-503, filed 1/31/94, effective 3/3/94; WSR 93-13-005 (Order 369), § 246-10-503, filed 6/3/93, effective 7/4/93.]