

WAC 391-65-070 Appointment of staff arbitrator. Upon concurrence of the parties or upon the submission of a joint request, a member of the agency staff will be assigned as grievance arbitrator. The parties are not permitted to select a grievance arbitrator from a list of agency staff members or to exercise a right of rejection on appointments made under this section. However, the parties may jointly express a preference for appointment of one or more staff members as their arbitrator, and their request will be considered in making the assignment. Upon the submission of a request by one party for the appointment of a member of the agency staff as grievance arbitrator, the agency will determine whether the other party to the collective bargaining agreement concurs in the appointment of a staff arbitrator. In the absence of concurrence, the agency will notify the requesting party of the lack of concurrence and close the case if concurrence is not provided within a reasonable time.

[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, § 391-65-070, filed 11/16/22, effective 1/1/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050 and 41.56.125. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-65-070, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 99-14-060, § 391-65-070, 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 80-14-050 (Order 80-9), § 391-65-070, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]