

**WAC 456-09-530 Settlement conference.** (1) At any time prior to a hearing, the board may, on its own motion or a written request of a party, order a settlement conference. The conference will be scheduled with at least 14 calendar days' notice to each party, and occur at a time and place determined by the board.

(2) In the event a settlement conference is unsuccessful, a hearing will be set. The presiding officer of the hearing will not be the person who conducted the settlement conference.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 82.03.170. WSR 22-05-051, § 456-09-530, filed 2/9/22, effective 3/12/22; WSR 05-13-141, § 456-09-530, filed 6/21/05, effective 8/1/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 82.03.170, 34.05.250, 82.03.140 and 82.03.160. WSR 90-11-105, § 456-09-530, filed 5/22/90, effective 6/22/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 82.03.170. WSR 89-10-056 (Order 89-02), § 456-09-530, filed 5/2/89.]