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UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE CASE RULES

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 Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050,
 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7),
 \$ 391-45-013, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

 Repealed by WSR 88-12-056 (Order 88-05), filed

 5/31/88. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080,
 41.58.050, 41.56.090 and 41.59.110.
- 391-45-056 Special provision—State civil service employees.

 [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090,
 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 41.06.340, 41.76.060. WSR 0303-064, § 391-45-056, filed 1/14/03, effective
 2/14/03.] Repealed by WSR 08-04-059, filed 1/31/08,
 effective 4/1/08.
- 391-45-150 Authority of examiner. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-150, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.] Repealed by WSR

83-24-034 (Order 83-04), filed 12/1/83, effective 1/1/84. Statutory Authority: RCW 34.04.022, 41.58.050, 41.56.090, 41.59.110 and 28B.52.080.

391-45-171 Special provision—Public employees. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-171, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.] Repealed by WSR 86-11-054 (Order 86-01), filed 5/20/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 34.04.033 [34.04.022], 41.58.050, 41.56.090 and 41.59.110.

391-45-230 Amendment of answer. [Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.170, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-230, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-230, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.] Repealed by WSR 00-14-048, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050.

391-45-370 Filing and service of cross-petition for review.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080,
41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.180,
41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45370, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory
Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050,
41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7),
§ 391-45-370, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]
Repealed by WSR 98-14-112, filed 7/1/98, effective
8/1/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080,
41.56.090, 41.59.110 and 41.58.050.

391-45-431 Special provision—Public employees. [Statutory

Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090,

41.59.110 and 41.56.190. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45
431, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory

Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050,

41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-431, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.] Repealed by WSR 96-07-105, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050 and 41.56.160.

Title 316 WAC, and transfers the authority for the administration of chapter 47.64 RCW to that

WAC 391-45-001 Scope-Contents-Other rules. This chapter governs unfair labor practice proceedings before the public employment relations commission on complaints charging unfair labor practices under all chapters of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) administered by the commissionagency. The provisions of this chapter should be read in conjunction with:

(1) Chapter 10-08 WAC, which contains the model rules of procedure promulgated by the chief administrative law judge to regulate adjudicative proceedings under chapter 34.05 RCW, except:

- (a) WAC 10-08-035, which is replaced by detailed requirements in WAC 391-45-050;
- (b) WAC 10-08-050, which relates to office of administrative hearings procedures inapplicable to proceedings before the public employment relations commission;
- (c) WAC 10-08-211, which is replaced by detailed requirements in WAC 391-45-350 and 391-45-390; and
- (d) WAC 10-08-230, which is replaced by detailed requirements in WAC 391-45-070, 391-45-090, and 391-45-260.
- (2) Chapter 391-08 WAC, which contains rules of practice and procedure applicable to all types of proceedings before the public employment relations commission, and which also replaces some provisions of chapter 10-08 WAC.
- (3) Chapter 391-25 WAC, which regulates representation proceedings.
- (4) Chapter 391-35 WAC, which regulates unit clarification proceedings and contains some well-established unit determination standards in a subchapter of rules beginning at WAC 391-35-300.

- (5) Chapter 391-55 WAC, which regulates the resolution of impasses in collective bargaining.
- (6) Chapter 391-65 WAC, which regulates grievance arbitration and grievance mediation proceedings.
- (7) Chapter 391-95 WAC, which regulates union security
 nonassociation proceedings. To the extent these rules of practice
 and procedure differ from the model rules in chapter 10-08 WAC
 or this agency's general rules of practice and procedure in
 chapter 391-08 WAC, these special rules prevail.

 [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110,
 41.58.050, 41.06.340, 41.76.060. WSR 03-03-064, \$ 391-45-001,
 filed 1/14/03, effective 2/14/03. Statutory Authority: RCW
 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050. WSR 01-14-009, \$
 391-45-001, filed 6/22/01, effective 8/1/01; WSR 00-14-048, \$
 391-45-001, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 96-07-105, \$
 391-45-001, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory
 Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110 and
 chapters 28B.52, 41.56, 41.58, 41.59 and 53.18 RCW. WSR 90-06-

WAC 391-45-002 Sequence and numbering of rules-Special provisions. This chapter of the Washington Administrative Code is designed to regulate proceedings under a number of different chapters of the Revised Code of Washington. General rules are set forth in sections with numbers divisible by ten. Where a deviation from the general rule is required for conformity with a particular statute, that special provision is set forth in a separate rule numbered as follows:

- (1) Special provisions relating to chapter 41.56 RCW (Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Act) and to chapter 53.18 RCW (port employees) are set forth in WAC sections numbered one digit greater than the general rule on that subject.
- (2) Special provisions relating to chapter 41.59 RCW (Educational Employment Relations Act) are set forth in WAC sections numbered two digits greater than the general rule on that subject matter.
- (3) Special provisions relating to chapter 28B.52 RCW (Collective Bargaining-Academic Personnel in Community Colleges)

are set forth in WAC sections numbered three digits greater than the general rule on that subject matter.

- (4) Special provisions relating to chapter 47.64 RCW (Marine employees-Public employment relations) are set forth in WAC sections numbered four digits greater than the general rule on that subject matter.
- (5) Special provisions relating to RCW 41.06.340 and/or chapter 41.80 RCW (Personnel System Reform Act) are set forth in WAC sections numbered six digits greater than the general rule on that subject matter.
- (6) Special provisions relating to chapter 41.76 RCW (faculty at public four-year institutions of higher education) are set forth in WAC sections numbered seven digits greater than the general rule on that subject matter.
- (7) Special provisions relating to chapter 49.39 RCW (symphony musicians) and chapter 49.08 RCW (Private sector and other employees) are set forth in WAC sections numbered nine digits greater than the general rule on that subject matter. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.58.065, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.120, and 49.39.060. WSR 12-05-066, \$ 391-45-002, filed 2/15/12, effective 3/17/12.

Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.120, and 49.39.060. WSR 10-20-172, § 391-45-002, filed 10/6/10, effective 11/6/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 41.06.340, 41.76.060. WSR 03-03-064, \$ 391-45-002, filed 1/14/03, effective 2/14/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050. WSR 01-14-009, \$ 391-45-002, filed 6/22/01, effective 8/1/01; WSR 00-14-048, \$ 391-45-002, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110 and chapters 28B.52, 41.56, 41.58, 41.59 and 53.18 RCW. WSR 90-06-074, \$ 391-45-002, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 34.04.022, 41.58.050, 41.56.090, 41.59.110 and 28B.52.080. WSR 83-24-034 (Order 83-04), \$ 391-45-002, filed 12/1/83, effective 1/1/84. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), \$ 391-45-002, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

Who may file. A complaint charging unfair labor practices—
Who may file. A complaint charging that a personan employer or
employee organization has engaged in or is engaging in an unfair
labor practice may be filed by any employee, employee
organization, employer, or their agents.
[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110,
41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 41.56.040, 41.58.040, 41.59.060 and
53.18.015. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-010, filed 6/30/00, effective

8/1/00; WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-010, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-010, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-019 Special provision-Private sector employees.

The provisions of chapter 391-45 WAC are inapplicable to private sector collective bargaining under chapter 49.08 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110 and 49.08.020. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-019, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-019, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

Filing—S and service. Each complaint in writing—Number of copies—

Filing—S and service. Each complaint charging unfair labor practices shallmay be filed through the agency's online e-filing system, by email, or in writing, and shall be filed at to the commissionagencys's Olympia office, as required by WAC 391-08-120_(1) and (2). The party filing the complaint shall serve a copy on each party named as a respondent, as required by WAC 391-08-120 (3) and (4).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 34.05.413, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-030, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR

98-14-112, § 391-45-030, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98; WSR 96-07-105, § 391-45-030, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.170, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-030, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-030, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-050 Contents of complaint filing forms—Contents of complaint. Each complaint charging unfair labor practices shall contain, in separate numbered paragraphs: (1) Each completed unfair labor practice complaint filing form, whether obtained from the agency's website or through the agency's efiling system, must include all of the following:

- (\frac{1}{4a}) Information identifying the parties and \frac{(if known)}{} their representatives (if known), including:
- (ai) The name, email address, mailing address, and telephone number of the employer, and the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address and of its principal the employer's representative;
- (bii) The name, email address, mailing address, and telephone number of the entity (employer or employee

organization) accused of committing unfair labor practices (the respondent), and the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address and of its principal the respondent's representative; and

(eiii) The name, email address, mailing address, and telephone number, fax number, and email address of the party filing the complaint (the complainant), and the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address and of its principal the complainant's representative.

- (2) Clear and concise statements of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices, including times, dates, places and participants in occurrences.
 - (3) A statement of the remedy sought by the complainant.
- (4) The name, signature and, if any, title of the person filing the complaint, and the date of the signature.
- (5b) Information concerning the parties' relationships, including:
 - (a) The employer's principal business;
- (bi) Identification of the employer department or division in whichwhere the dispute arises arose; and

- (eii) The parties' contractual relationship, indicating that:
 - (≟A) The parties have never had a contract; or
- (iiB) AThe parties have had a contract, and a copy of the current (or most recent) collective bargaining agreement is attached+
- (d) The status of related grievance proceedings between the parties, indicating that:
 - (i) No grievance has been filed on the dispute involved; or
- (ii) A grievance on the dispute is being processed under the parties' collective bargaining agreement; or
- (iii) An arbitration award has been issued on a related grievance;
- (e) A description of the bargaining unit involved, specifying inclusions and exclusions; and
 - (f) The number of employees in the bargaining unit.
- (6) Indication of the sections of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) alleged to have been violated..
 - (c) Job titles of involved bargaining unit employees.

- (d) Any other information requested in the unfair labor practice complaint filing form found on the agency's website at www.perc.wa.gov or as required through the agency's e-filing system.
- (2) Each complaint must contain in separate numbered paragraphs:
- (a) Clear and concise statements of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices, including the times, dates, and places of occurrences and the names of the participants;
- (b) A statement of the remedy sought by the complainant; and
- (c) The name, signature, and title, if any, of the person filing the complaint as well as the date of the signature. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 34.05.413, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-050, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 96-07-105, § 391-45-050, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.170, 41.56.180, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-050, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040,

- 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-050, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]
- WAC 391-45-070 Amendment. (1) A complaint may be amended upon motion made by the complainant, if:
- (a) The proposed amendment only involves the same parties as the original complaint;
- (b) The proposed amendment is timely under any statutory limitation as to new facts;
- (c) The subject matter of the proposed amendment is germane to the subject matter of the complaint as originally filed or previously amended; and
- (d) Granting the amendment will not cause undue delay of the proceedings.
- (2) MA motions to amend a complaints shall be is subject to the following limitations:
- (a) Prior toBefore the appointment of an examiner, amendment shall beis freely allowed upon motion to the agency official responsible for making preliminary rulings under WAC 391-45-110;

- (b) After the appointment of an examiner but prior tobefore the opening of an evidentiary hearing, amendment may be allowed upon motion to the examiner and subject to due process requirements;
- (c) After the opening of an evidentiary hearing, amendment may only be allowed to conform the pleadings to evidence received without objection, upon motion made prior tobefore the close of the evidentiary hearing.
- (3) Where If a motion for amendment is denied, the proposed amendment shall will be processed as a separate case.

 [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.073, 41.56.140, 41.56.150, 41.56.170, 41.59.140 and 53.18.015. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-070, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-070, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-070, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]
- wac 391-45-090 Withdrawal. (1) A complaint may be withdrawn by the complainant, through an email to the examiner or by a written request filed as required by WAC 391-08-120 before issuance of a decision by an examiner.

(2) A withdrawal "without prejudice" shalldoes not vary any statutory time limitation for filing of unfair labor practice complaints, unless the parties file a written agreement for a different arrangement prior to the expiration of the applicable statutory period.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.073, 41.56.140, 41.56.150, 41.59.140 and 53.18.015. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-090, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-090, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-090, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

of action statement—Deferral to arbitration. The executive director—or a designated staff member, the executive designee, or an examiner shall determine whether the facts alleged in the complaint may constitute an unfair labor practice within the meaning of the applicable statute.

(1) If the facts alleged do not, as a matter of law, constitute a violation, a deficiency notice shall be issued and served on all parties, identifying the defects and specifying a due date for the filing and service of an amended complaint will

be issued and served on all parties. If the defects are not cured within twenty-one21 days, an order shall be issued and served, dismissing the defective allegation(s) and stating the reasons for that action must be issued and served on all parties. Unless appealed to the commission under WAC 391-45-350, an order of dismissal issued under this subsection shall be the final order of the agency on the defective allegation(s), with the same force and effect as if issued by the commission.

- (2) If one or more allegations state a cause of action for unfair labor practice proceedings before the commission_agency, a preliminary rulingcause of action statement summarizing the allegation(s) shallwill be issued and served on all parties.
- (a) A preliminary ruling cause of action statement forwarding a case for further proceedings is an interim order which that may only be appealed to the commission by a notice of appeal filed after issuance of an examiner decision under WAC 391-45-310(2).
- (b) The <u>preliminary ruling</u>cause of action statement limits the cause (s) of action before an examiner and the commission. A complainant who claims that the <u>preliminary ruling</u>cause of

action statement failed to address one or more causes of action itthe complainant sought to advance in the complaint must may, prior tobefore the issuance of a notice of hearing, seek clarification from the person thatwho issued the preliminary ruling cause of action statement.

- (c) The preliminary ruling cause of action statement shallmust establish the due date for the respondent to file its answer.
- (3) The agency may defer the processing of allegations which state a cause of action under subsection (2) of this section→ pending the outcome of related contractual dispute resolution procedures, but shall the agency retains jurisdiction over those allegations.
 - (a) Deferral to arbitration may be ordered whereif:
- (i) Employer conduct alleged to constitute an unlawful unilateral change of employee wages, hours, or working conditions is arguably protected or prohibited by a collective bargaining agreement in effect between the parties at the time of the alleged unilateral change;

- (ii) The parties' collective bargaining agreement provides for final and binding arbitration of grievances concerning its interpretation or application; and
- (iii) There are no procedural impediments to a determination on the merits of the contractual issue through proceedings under the contractual dispute resolution procedure.
- (b) Processing of the unfair labor practice allegations under this chapter shallmust be resumed following issuance of an arbitration award or resolution of the grievance, and the contract interpretation made in the contractual proceedings shall be considered binding, except where if:
- (i) The contractual procedures were not conducted in a fair and orderly manner; or
- (ii) The contractual procedures have reached a result which that is repugnant to the purposes and policies of the applicable collective bargaining statute.

 [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.080. WSR 08-04-059, § 391-45-110, filed 1/31/08, effective 4/1/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 28B.52.073, 34.05.419, 41.56.140, 41.56.150 and 41.59.140. WSR

00-14-048, § 391-45-110, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 98-14-112, § 391-45-110, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98; WSR 96-07-105, § 391-45-110, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.140, 41.56.150, 41.59.140 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-110, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-110, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

wac 391-45-130 Examiner—Who may act. The executive director or a designated staff memberdesignee shall assign an examiner to conduct further proceedings in the matter, and shall notify the parties of that assignment. The examiner may be a member of the agency staff or any other individual designated by the commission or executive director. Upon notice to all parties, an examiner may be substituted for the examiner previously presiding assigned.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-130, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 96-07-105, § 391-45-130, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.160, 41.56.170 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-130, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority:

RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-130, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-170 Notice of hearing. The examiner shall

issue a notice of hearing and have it will be issued and served on the parties. Attached to the notice of hearing shall be aA copy of the preliminary ruling cause of action statement issued under WAC 391-45-110 must be attached to the notice of hearing. A notice of hearing may be amended or withdrawn before the close of the hearing. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 34.05.434, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-170, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 96-07-105, § 391-45-170, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.170, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-170, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90.

WAC 391-45-190 Answer-Filing and service. An answer to a complaint charging unfair labor practices shallmust be in writing. The respondent shall file and serve its answer as

Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050,

170, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-

required by WAC 391-08-120(1), and shall serve a copy on the complainant, as required by WAC 391-08-120 (3) and (4).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, \$ 391-45-190, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 98-14-112, \$ 391-45-190, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98; WSR 96-07-105, \$ 391-45-190, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory

Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.170, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, \$ 391-45-190, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), \$ 391-45-190, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-210 Answer-Contents-Amendment-Effect of failure to answer. (1) An answer filed by a respondent shallmust specifically admit, deny, or explain each fact alleged in the portions of a complaint found to state a cause of action under WAC 391-45-110. A statement by a respondent that it is without knowledge of an alleged fact, shall operates as a denial. An answer shallmust assert any affirmative defenses that are claimed to exist.

- (2) Counterclaims by a respondent against a complainant shallmust be filed and processed as separate cases, subject to procedures for consolidation of proceedings.
- (3) Motions to amend answers shall:must be acted upon by the examiner, subject to the following limitations:
- (a) Amendment shall be is allowed whenever if a motion to amend the complaint has been granted;
- (b) Amendment may be allowed prior to the opening of an evidentiary hearing, subject to due process requirements;
- (c) After the opening of an evidentiary hearing, amendment may only be allowed to conform the pleadings to evidence received without objection, upon motion made prior tobefore the close of the evidentiary hearing.
- (4) If a respondent fails to file a timely answer or fails to specifically deny or explain a fact alleged in the complaint, the facts alleged in the complaint shall beare deemed to be admitted as true, and the respondent shall beis deemed to have waived its right to a hearing as to the facts so admitted. A motion for acceptance of an answer after its due date shall onlymay be granted for good cause, unless the complainant can

show that it would be prejudiced by such action in accordance with WAC 391-08-003.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.073, 41.56.170, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-210, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-210, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-210, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-250 Motion to make complaint more definite and detailed. The examiner may direct that the complaint be made more definite and detailed, upon motion of the respondent, if the examiner is satisfied that the complaint is so indefinite as to hamper the respondent in the preparation of its answer.

- (1) The respondent shall file its motion on or before by the date specified for the filing of an answer. The motion shall must be filed and served as required by WAC 391-08-120.
- (2) The filing of a motion under this section shall—extends the due date for the respondent's answer until a date set by the examiner.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, §

391-45-250, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 98-14-112, § 391-45-250, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.170, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-250, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-250, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.1

WAC 391-45-260 Settlement conferencemediation. Separate from any prehearing conference concerning procedural matters held by the examiner under WAC 10-08-130, a settlement conferenceA settlement mediation concerning substantive issues may be held under WAC 10-08-200(15).

- (1) A separatedifferent case number shall be assigned, and all files and papers documents for the settlement conference mediation shall be are kept in a case separate from the files and papers fordocuments in the unfair labor practice proceedings.
- (2) A commissionAn agency staff member other than the assigned examiner shall beis assigned to explore settlement between the parties on the substantive issues.

- (3) Any settlement conference shall be held in advance of the scheduled hearing date on A settlement mediation may be held at any time before issuance of a decision by an examiner in the underlying unfair labor practice proceedings.
- (4) During a settlement conferencemediation, the parties will be encouraged, on factual and legal grounds including precedent on the particular subject, to resolve the unfair labor practice dispute.
- (5) Participation in a settlement conference mediation is voluntary and nothing in this rule prohibits parties from exploring settlement on their own. Refusal by a party to participate in a voluntary settlement conference mediation shalldoes not prejudice that party in any manner.
- (6) Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this section, the executive director may order parties to participate in a settlement mediation in exceptional circumstances.
- (7) Conversations had and offers made in a settlement conference mediation shall not beare not admissible into evidence at a hearing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.080. WSR 08-04-059, § 391-45-260, filed 1/31/08, effective 4/1/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 34.05.431, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-260, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 96-07-105, § 391-45-260, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.160, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-260, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.58.050, 41.56.090 and 41.59.110. WSR 88-12-056 (Order 88-05), § 391-45-260, filed 5/31/88.]

WAC 391-45-270 Hearings—Reopening of hearing. (1)

Hearings shall beare public, except whereunless a protective order is issued under WAC 10-08-200(7), and shall beare limited to the portions of a complaint found to state a cause of action under WAC 391-45-110.

- (a) The complainant shall be is responsible for the presentation of its case, and shall have has the burden of proof.
- (b) The respondent shall be is responsible for the presentation of its defense, and shall have has the burden of proof as to any affirmative defenses.

- (c) The examiner's authority under WAC 10-08-200 (8) and (9) shall not be construed as authorizing or requiring the examiner to undertake the responsibilities of the complainant or respondent under this subsection.
- (2) Once a hearing has been declared closed, it may be reopened only upon the timely motion of a party upon discovery ofthat discovered new evidence which could not with reasonable diligence have been discovered and produced at the hearing. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-270, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 96-07-105, § 391-45-270, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.170, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-270, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-270, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]
- WAC 391-45-290 BPost-hearing briefs. (1) Any party shall be entitledmay, upon request made before the close of the hearing, to file a post-hearing brief.
- (2) The examiner may direct the filing of briefs as to any or all of the issues in a case.

- (3) Arrangements and due dates for briefs shall beare established by the examiner.
- (25) A party filing a brief under this section must limit its the brief's total length to twenty-five 25 pages (double-spaced, twelve12-point type), unless:
- (a) It files and serves a motion for permission to file a longer brief in order to address novel or complex legal and/or factual issues raised by the objections issues; and
- (b) The hearing examiner grants such a the motion for good cause shown; and.
- (e6) A motion for permission to file a longer brief may be made orally to the hearing examiner at the end of the administrative hearing, and the hearing officer examiner has the authority to orally grant such the motion at such that time.

 [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.120. WSR 08-04-058, § 391-45-290, filed 1/31/08, effective 4/1/08. Statutory Authority: RCW

28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 34.05.437, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, \$ 391-45-290, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 98-14-112, \$ 391-45-290, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98; WSR 96-07-105, \$ 391-45-290, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.180, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, \$ 391-45-290, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), \$ 391-45-290, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

decisions. (1)(a) A party seeking review by the commission of an interlocutory decision of the executive director, his or her the executive director's designee, or a hearingan examiner must file a motion for discretionary review with the commission and a copy with the executive director, his or her designee, or a hearing examiner, person who issued the interlocutory decision within seven days after the decision is issued.

(b) Discretionary review of an interlocutory decision issued by the executive director, his or herthe executive director's designee, or a hearingan examiner will be accepted by the commission only:

- (i) If the executive director, his or herthe executive director's designee, or a hearingthe examiner has committed an obvious error whichthat would render further proceedings useless; or
- (ii) If the executive director, his or herthe executive director's designee, or a hearingthe examiner has committed probable error and the decision of the interlocutory decision of the hearing examiner substantially alters the status quo or substantially limits the freedom of a party to act; or
- (iii) If the executive director, his or herthe executive director's designee, or a hearingthe examiner has so far departed from the accepted and usual course of administrative proceedings as to call for the exercise of revisory jurisdictionimmediate review by the commission.
- (c) The commission will not accept motions for discretionary review of:
- (i) The scope of proceedings issued in a preliminary ruling cause of action statement by the executive director or his or her designee or a hearing examiner under WAC 391-45-110; or

- (ii) Application of the six-month statute of limitations; or
- (iii) Any evidentiary ruling by a hearingan examiner during the course of an administrative a hearing.
- (d) If a motion for discretionary review is filed, the due date for any response is seven days following the date on which a party wishing to file a response is served with the motion. Responses must be filed and served as required by WAC 391-08-120.
- (de) A motion for discretionary review under this rule, and any response, should not exceed fifteen15 pages (double-spaced, 12-point type) excluding appendices.
- (ef) Denial of discretionary review of a decision does not affect the right of a party to obtain later review of the executive director's, his or her designee's, or hearing examiner's interlocutory decision or the issues pertaining to that decision.
- (2) After the close of thea hearing and the filing of all briefs, thean examiner shall issue a decision containing findings of fact, conclusions of law, and an order. Unless

appealed to the commission under WAC 391-45-350, a decision issued under this section shall be is the final order of the agency τ with the same force and effect as if issued by the commission.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.120, and 49.39.060. WSR 10-20-172, § 391-45-310, filed 10/6/10, effective 11/6/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.120. WSR 08-04-058, § 391-45-310, filed 1/31/08, effective 4/1/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-310, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 98-14-112, § 391-45-310, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.180, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-310, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-310, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-330 Withdrawal or modification of examiner decision. The examiner may set aside, modify, change, or reverse any findings of fact, conclusions of law, or order, if any mistake is discovered in the decision.

- (1) Action may be taken under this section on the examiner's own motion, or on a written motion filed and served by any party as required by WAC 391-08-120.
- (2) Action may only be taken under this section within ten days following issuance of the decision.
- (3) This section shall be is inoperative after the filing of an appeal to the commission.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050. WSR 00-14-048, \$ 391-45-330, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 98-14-112, \$ 391-45-330, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98; WSR 96-07-105, \$ 391-45-330, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.180, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, \$ 391-45-330, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), \$ 391-45-330, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-350 Appeals. An order issued under WAC 391-45-110(1) or 391-45-310 and any rulings in the proceedings up to the issuance of the order may be appealed to the commission as follows:

- (1) The due date for a notice of appeal shall be twenty is 20 days following the date of issuance of the order being appealed. The time for filing a notice of appeal cannot be extended.
- (2) Where If an order has been appealed, the due date for a notice of cross-appeal by other parties shall beis seven days after the last date on which a notice of appeal could be timely. The time for filing a notice of cross-appeal cannot be extended.
- (3) A notice of appeal or notice of cross-appeal shallmust identify, in separate numbered paragraphs, the specific rulings, findings of fact, conclusions of law, or orders claimed to be in error.
- (4) A party whichthat desires to cite or reassert a document previously filed in the matter **shall**must do so by reference to the document already on file, and shall not file or attach another copy of the document to papersdocuments filed regarding an appeal.
- (5) A notice of appeal or notice of cross-appeal shallmust be filed at the commission's Olympia office and served as

required by WAC $391-08-120\frac{(1)}{(1)}$, and copies shall be served on all other parties as required by WAC 391-08-120 (3) and (4).

- (6) The due date for any appeal brief which that the party filing an appeal or cross-appeal desires to have considered by the commission shall be fourteen is 14 days following the filing of its notice of appeal or notice of cross-appeal. Any brief shall must be filed at the commission's Olympia office and served as required by WAC 391-08-120(1), and copies shall be served on all other parties as required by WAC 391-08-120 (3) and (4).
- (7) The due date for any responsive brief which that a party desires to have considered by the commission shall be fourteen is 14 days following the date on which that party is served with an appeal brief. Any brief shall must be filed at the commission's Olympia office and served as required by WAC 391-08-120(1), and copies shall be served on all other parties as required by WAC 391-08-120 (3) and (4).
- (8) The executive director or designee may extend the due date for an appeal brief or responsive brief. Such requests to extend the due date shallmay only be considered if made on or beforeby the date the brief is due, and in compliance with WAC

- 391-08-180. Extensions of time shallmay not be routine or automatic.
- (9) A party filing a brief under this section must limit its the brief's total length to twenty-five25 pages (double-spaced, 12-point type), unless:
- (a) It files and serves a motion for permission to file a longer brief in order to address novel or complex issues raised by the appeal; and
- (b) The commission or its designee grants such athe motion for good cause shown.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.080. WSR 08-04-059, § 391-45-350, filed 1/31/08, effective 4/1/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 34.05.464, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-350, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 98-14-112, § 391-45-350, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073,

41.56.180, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-350, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 34.04.022, 41.58.050, 41.56.090, 41.59.110 and 28B.52.080. WSR 85-19-059 (Resolution No. 85-01), § 391-45-350, filed 9/16/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-350, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-390 Commission action on appeals. If an order is appealed under WAC 391-45-350, the entire record in the proceedings shallmust be transmitted to the commission members. The commission may request the parties to appear before it to make oral argument as to any or all of the issues in the matter. The commission shall, on the basis of the entire record and any briefs or arguments submitted transmitted to it, determine the appeal, and shall issue appropriate orders. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.065, 34.05.464, 41.56.160 and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-390, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 98-14-112, § 391-45-390, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073, 41.56.180, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-390, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050,

41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-390, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-394 Special provision-Marine employees. If an order is appealed under WAC 391-45-350 involving employees covered by chapter 47.64 RCW, the marine employees' commission shall act in place of the commission, and the entire record in the proceedings shall be transmitted to the marine employees' commission members. The marine employees' commission may request the parties to appear before it to make oral arguments as to any or all of the issues in the matter. The marine employees' commission shall determine the status of each position, classification or group covered by the appeal, and shall issue appropriate orders. [Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050 and 41.58.065. WSR 12-05-

066, \$ 391-45-394, filed 2/15/12, effective 3/17/12.1

WAC 391-45-410 Unfair labor practice remedies—Back pay. If an unfair labor practice is found to have been committed, the commission or an examiner shall issue a remedial order. In calculating back pay orders, the following shall applyapplies:

(1) Individuals reinstated to employment with back pay shallmust have deducted from any amount due an amount equal to any earnings the employee may have received during the period of the violation in substitution for the terminated employment, calculated on a quarterly basis.

- shallmust have deducted from any amount due an amount equal to any unemployment compensation benefits the employee may have received during the period of the violation, and the employer shall provide evidence to the commissionagency that the deducted amount has been repaid to the Washington state department of employment security as a credit to the benefit record of the employee.
- (3) Money amounts due shall beare subject to interest at the rate which that would accrue on a civil judgment of the Washington state courts, from the date of the violation to the date of payment.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.073, 41.56.160, 41.59.150 and 53.18.015. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-410, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-410, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-410, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-430 Motion for temporary relief. In addition to the remedies available under WAC 391-45-410, a complainant in an unfair labor practice proceeding may make a motion requesting that the commission seek appropriate issue an injunction for temporary relief through the superior court, and a. All such motions shallmust be processed as provided in this section.

- (1) When the complaint is filed, or as soon thereafter as facts giving rise to the request for temporary relief become known, the complainant shall file and serve written notice of its intent to make a motion for temporary relief with the executive director as required by WAC 391-08-120(1), and shall serve a copy of the notice on each of the other parties to the proceedings as required by WAC 391-08-120 (3) and (4).
- (2) Upon the filing of a notice of intent to make a motion for temporary relief, the processing of the matter shallmust be expedited under WAC 391-45-110.
- (3) After a determination that the complaint states a cause of action under WAC 391-45-110, the complainant may file and serve, as required by WAC 391-08-120, a motion for temporary

relief together with affidavits as to the risk of irreparable harm and the adequacy of legal remedies.

- (4) If there is a motion for temporary relief is filed, the due date for counter-affidavits from other parties is seven days following the date on which that party is a party wishing to file counter-affidavits is served with a motion for temporary relief. The cCounter-affidavits shallmust be filed and served as required by WAC 391-08-120.
- (5) The executive director shall forward all motions and affidavits to the commission, which shall determine whether an injunction pendente litefor temporary relief should be soughtissued. In making its determination, the commission shall adhere to the following policy:

"The name and authority of the public employment relations commission shall not be invoked in connection with a request for temporary relief prior tobefore the completion of administrative proceedings under WAC 391-45-010, et seq.this chapter, unless it appears that one or more of the allegations in the complaint of unfair labor practices is of such a nature that, if sustained,

the complainant would have no fair or adequate remedy and the complainant would suffer irreparable harm unless if the status quo be preserved is not returned pending the completion of administrative proceedings."

- (a) If the commission concludes that temporary relief should be sought, the executive director, acting in the name and on behalf of the commission and with the assistance of the attorney general, shall petition the superior court of the county in which the main office of the employer is located or wherein the person who is alleged to be engaging in unfair labor practices resides or transacts business for an injunction pendente lite.
- (b) Whenever an injunction for temporary relief has been procured issued, the complaint which that has been the basis for the temporary relief shall must be heard expeditiously, and the case shall must be given priority over all other cases except cases of like character.
- (eb) A determination by the commission that temporary relief should not be soughtnot to grant temporary relief at a particular time shalldoes not bar renewal of the motion for

temporary relief following the completion of administrative proceedings in which unfair labor practice violations have been found to exist.

(c) If the commission issues an injunction for temporary relief and the respondent fails to follow it, the executive director, with the assistance of the attorney general, may petition to enforce the injunction in the superior court of the county in which the main office of the employer is located or where the respondent that is alleged to be engaging in unfair labor practices resides or transacts business.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 41.56.160(3) and 41.59.150. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-430, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 98-14-112, § 391-45-430, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.073 and 41.59.150. WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-430, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-430, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-550 Collective bargaining—PolicyAgency determines mandatory subjects. It is the policy of the commissionagency to promote bilateral collective bargaining negotiations between employers and the exclusive representatives of their employees. Parties are encouraged to engage in free and open exchange of proposals and positions on all matters coming into the dispute between them. The commission doesns the determination as to whether a particular subject is mandatory or nonmandatory to be a question of law and fact to be determined by the commission, and which agency and is not subject to waiver by the parties by their action or inaction. It is the policy of the commission agency that a party which engages in collective bargaining with respect to a particular issue does not and cannot confer the status of a mandatory subject on a nonmandatory subject.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.073, 41.56.030(4), 41.59.020(2) and 53.18.015. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-45-550, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 90-06-074, § 391-45-550, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-048 (Order 80-7), § 391-45-550, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]

WAC 391-45-552 Special provision-Educational employees.

The obligation to bargain in good faith imposed upon an employer

and the exclusive representative of its employees, respectively, by RCW 41.59.020(2) and 41.59.140 (1)(e) or (2)(c) includes:

- (1) The obligation to submit, as to each subject for bargaining advanced by the party, a written statement of the language proposed for incorporation in or deletion from the collective bargaining agreement between the parties, together with a written or oral explanation or justification of the proposals.
- (2) The obligation to submit, as to each subject for bargaining advanced by the other party, at least one written response, together with a written or oral explanation of the response. However, a party which asserts in a written response that a subject for bargaining advanced by the other party is not a mandatory subject for collective bargaining may thereafter refuse to make further proposals as to the subject or subjects for bargaining.
- (3) The obligation to receive proposals from the other party as to all subjects for bargaining in dispute between the parties and, until a legal impasse has been reached, to refrain from demanding the removal of the subject from the bargaining

table on the basis that it is not a mandatory subject for collective bargaining.

(4) The obligation to exhaust the mediation and fact finding procedure established pursuant to RCW 41.59.120 before implementing all or any part of a final offer in negotiations, except as provided in RCW 41.59.930. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050 and 41.59.120. WSR 00-14-048, \$ 391-45-552, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 90-06-074, \$ 391-45-552, filed 3/7/90, effective 4/7/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 81-02-034 (Order 81-01), § 391-45-552, filed 1/6/81.]