

WAC 391-95-230 Hearings—Reopening of hearing—Briefs. (1) Hearings shall be public and shall be limited to the portions of a petition found to state a cause of action under WAC 391-95-150.

(2) The employee has the burden to make a factual showing, through testimony of witnesses and/or documentary evidence, of the legitimacy of his or her beliefs, as follows:

(a) In cases where the claim of a right of nonassociation is based on the teachings of a church or religious body, the claimant employee shall demonstrate:

(i) His or her bona fide religious objection to union membership; and

(ii) That the objection is based on a bona fide religious teaching of a church or religious body; and

(iii) That the claimant employee is a member of such church or religious body.

(b) In cases where the claim of a right of nonassociation is based on personally held religious beliefs, the claimant employee shall demonstrate:

(i) His or her bona fide religious objection to union membership; and

(ii) That the religious nature of the objection is genuine and in good faith.

(3) Once a hearing has been declared closed, it may be reopened only upon the timely motion of a party upon discovery of new evidence which could not with reasonable diligence have been discovered and produced at the hearing.

(4) Any party shall be entitled, upon request made before the close of the hearing, to file a brief. The examiner may direct the filing of briefs as to any or all of the issues in a case. Arrangements and due dates for briefs shall be established by the examiner. Any brief shall be filed with the examiner as required by WAC 391-08-120(1), and copies shall be served on all other parties to the proceeding as required by WAC 391-08-120 (3) and (4).

(5) A party filing a brief under this section must limit its total length to twenty-five pages (double-spaced, twelve-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;

(b) The executive director, his or her designee, or hearing examiner grants such a motion for good cause shown; and

(c) 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 has the authority to orally grant such motion at such time.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060. WSR 08-04-058, § 391-95-230, filed 1/31/08, effective 4/1/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 41.58.050, 28B.52.045, 34.05.437, 41.56.122 and 41.59.100. WSR 00-14-048, § 391-95-230, filed 6/30/00, effective 8/1/00; WSR 98-14-112, § 391-95-230, filed 7/1/98, effective 8/1/98; WSR 96-07-105, § 391-95-230, filed 3/20/96, effective 4/20/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.59.110, 28B.52.045, 41.56.122 and 41.59.100. WSR 90-06-075, § 391-95-230, 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 88-12-058 (Order 88-10), § 391-95-230, filed 5/31/88. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-051 (Order 80-10), § 391-95-230, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]