

Sec. 13b-17-144a. Powers and duties of the presiding officer

(a) The presiding officer shall conduct a fair and impartial proceeding, assure that the relevant facts are fully elicited, adjudicate issues of law and fact and prevent delay and harassment.

(b) In addition to any other powers provided by law and limited to the proceeding for which the person is presiding officer, said presiding officer shall have the power to:

- (1) Determine the scope of the hearing;
- (2) Dispose of motions and requests;
- (3) Make all necessary or appropriate rulings with regard to evidentiary matters;
- (4) Administer oaths and affirmations;
- (5) Subpoena witnesses and evidence;
- (6) Examine witnesses and control the examination of witnesses;
- (7) Consolidate proceedings or portions thereof; and
- (8) Issue proposed or final decisions.

(Adopted effective October 6, 1997)