

**Sec. 19a-9-25. Powers and duties of the presiding officer**

The presiding officer shall rule on all motions and preside at the hearing. If a hearing is held before less than a majority of the members of a board who are authorized by law to render a final decision, a majority of the members of a board shall review all rulings on dispositive motions and shall render the final decision. If a hearing is held before a hearing officer or hearing panel authorized to issue a final decision, the hearing officer or hearing panel shall also rule on all dispositive motions. If the hearing officer or hearing panel is authorized to issue a proposed final decision, the hearing officer or hearing panel shall issue proposed rulings on dispositive motions. Proposed rulings on dispositive motions shall be reviewed at the same time and in the same manner as proposed final decisions.

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