

**21 NCAC 42K .0504 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HEARING OFFICER**

(a) The hearing officer at a rule-making hearing shall have complete control of the proceedings, including:

- (1) extending any time limitations;
- (2) recognizing speakers;
- (3) setting time allotments for presentations;
- (4) questioning speakers;
- (5) directing the discussion; and
- (6) otherwise managing the hearing.

(b) The hearing officer, at all times, will take care that each person participating in the hearing is given a fair opportunity to present views, data, and comments.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 150B-21.2;

*Eff. June 1, 1989;*

*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 23, 2015.*