**Section 475.15 Alternatives to Appointment of Hearing Officers**

a) When an administrative hearing is to be held pursuant to this Part, the entity under whose jurisdiction the hearing will be held may determine whether a hearing officer will be designated. When no hearing officer is designated, all authority to conduct the hearing pursuant to this Part shall be exercised by:

1) the State Superintendent or his representative, for hearings conducted under the jurisdiction of the ISBE or the State Superintendent;

2) the STCB or its representative, for hearings conducted under the jurisdiction of the STCB.

b) For purposes of this Part, the term "hearing officer" shall, as applicable, include the individuals described in subsection (a) of this Section.

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