**Section 164.202 Hearing Officer**

a) The Hearing Officer shall be designated by the Director of the Agency.

b) The Hearing Officer shall have all authority necessary to conduct a fair and orderly hearing including, but not limited to, the authority to:

1) Schedule the hearing;

2) Regulate the course of the hearing;

3) Administer oaths and affirmations;

4) Examine witnesses and direct witnesses to testify;

5) Require persons who testify to do so under oath;

6) Reasonably limit the scope and duration of testimony or questioning of witnesses; and

7) Extend the time limits for making written submissions.