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- (a) An investigating committee shall have the chairman and vice chairman who:
- (1) are appointed by the resolution that establishes the investigating committee; or
 - (2) if the resolution does not appoint these officers, are elected by affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the investigating committee.
- (b) The rules of an investigating committee shall provide for the selection of a presiding officer to act if the chairman and the vice chairman are absent or unable to act.
- (c) (1) At a hearing of an investigating committee, the presiding officer shall be:
- (i) the chairman of the investigating committee;
 - (ii) if the chairman is absent or otherwise unable to preside, the vice chairman; or
 - (iii) if the chairman and vice chairman are absent or otherwise unable to preside, the individual who is selected under the rules of the investigating committee.
- (2) At a hearing, the presiding officer:
- (i) shall examine the witnesses or supervise the examination by any other member of the investigating committee or by staff who are authorized to examine witnesses; and
 - (ii) may direct a witness to answer a relevant question or to provide a relevant book, document, or paper.

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