

**§ 50-94. Appointment conference.**

(a) The parties, their attorneys, and the proposed parenting coordinator must all attend the appointment conference. However, no appointment conference is required if (i) the parenting coordinator's term is later extended, (ii) a subsequent parenting coordinator is appointed in the same matter, or (iii) the parties, their attorneys, and the proposed parenting coordinator consent to a waiver of the appointment conference by signing the proposed appointment order. The court shall not enter an order appointing a parenting coordinator or conduct an appointment conference unless a custody order has already been entered or is being simultaneously entered.

(b) At the time of the appointment conference, the court shall do all of the following:

- (1) Explain to the parties the parenting coordinator's role, authority, and responsibilities as specified in the appointment order and any agreement entered into by the parties.
- (2) Repealed by Session Laws 2019-172, s. 2, effective October 1, 2019.
- (3) Determine financial arrangements for the parenting coordinator's fee to be paid by each party and authorize the parenting coordinator to charge any party separately for individual contacts made necessary by that party's behavior.
- (4) Inform the parties, their attorneys, and the parenting coordinator of the rules regarding communications among them and with the court.
- (5) Enter the appointment order if the order has not yet been entered.

(c) Repealed by Session Laws 2019-172, s. 2, effective October 1, 2019. (2005-228, s. 1; 2019-172, s. 2.)