

351—11.10(17A,68B) Pleadings.

11.10(1) *When required.* Pleadings may be required by rule, by the notice of hearing, or by order of the presiding officer.

11.10(2) *Statement of charges.* The statement of charges shall set forth in ordinary and concise language the acts or omissions with which the person is charged and shall be of sufficient detail to enable the efficient preparation of the respondent's defense. The statement of charges shall specify all statutes and rules that are alleged to have been violated and may also include additional information that the board deems appropriate to the proceeding. The statement of charges shall be consolidated with the notice of hearing described in rule 351—11.5(17A,68B).

11.10(3) *Answer.* A respondent is not required to file an answer in response to a statement of charges.

11.10(4) *Amendment.* Any notice of hearing, petition, or other charging document may be amended before a responsive pleading has been filed. Amendments to pleadings after a responsive pleading has been filed may be allowed with the consent of the other parties or in the discretion of the presiding officer who may impose terms or grant a continuance.