

**531—5.26(17A) Final decision.**

**5.26(1)** When the hearing board presides over the reception of evidence at the hearing, its decision is a final decision.

**5.26(2)** When the hearing board does not preside at the reception of evidence, the presiding officer shall make a proposed decision. The proposed decision becomes the final decision of the agency without further proceedings unless there is an appeal to, or review on motion of, the hearing board within the time provided in rule 5.27(17A).