

481—1053.2(542B) Ruling on the initial inquiry.

1053.2(1) *Dismissal.* If a determination is made by the board that a complaint is without grounds or merit, the complaint will be dismissed. A letter of explanation concerning the decision of the board will be sent to the respondent and the complainant.

1053.2(2) *Requirement of further inquiry.* If determination is made by the board to order further inquiry, the complaint and initial recommendations will be provided to the investigator(s) along with a statement specifying the information deemed necessary.

1053.2(3) *Acceptance of the case.* If a determination is made by the board to initiate disciplinary action, the board may enter into an informal settlement or recommend formal disciplinary proceedings. The board's rules regarding informal settlement are found in rule 481—506.35(17A,272C).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 542B.21, 542B.22 and 272C.6.

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