

193F—17.1 (543D) Superintendent supervision standards. The level of the superintendent's supervisory scrutiny of board actions will vary depending on the nature of the board action, the surrounding circumstances, and whether the action is or may be anticompetitive. In general, the superintendent will independently evaluate both the procedures and the substantive merits of board actions.

17.1(1) Ministerial and nondiscretionary board actions. Board actions which are ministerial or nondiscretionary, as provided in 193F—subrule 1.2(2), shall be monitored to ensure that such actions are consistent with the mandates required by state or federal law, rule, or regulation; by the AQB; or by the appraisal subcommittee.

17.1(2) Discretionary board actions. The superintendent shall independently assess discretionary board actions, as provided in 193F—subrule 1.2(3), to determine whether an action reflects clearly articulated state policy as the inherent, logical, or ordinary result of the exercise of authority delegated to the board by the legislature and is not the result of private interests attempting to restrain trade or otherwise pursue anticompetitive objectives that are contrary to state policy goals. Discretionary board actions which are not anticompetitive shall be monitored by the superintendent but will only be subjected to preclearance procedures if specifically requested by the board or at the superintendent's election. Discretionary board actions that are or may be anticompetitive shall require the superintendent's prior written approval.

17.1(3) Information review and gathering. When monitoring or evaluating board actions, the superintendent may rely on the information provided by the board in support of the board's actions if the superintendent is satisfied that the information is sufficient for an independent, de novo evaluation of the substantive merits of the board's action. The superintendent may supplement the board's information and gather additional information if deemed necessary or desirable.

17.1(4) Written decisions. Following the superintendent's independent evaluation of the substantive merits of board actions, the superintendent shall issue a written decision approving, modifying, or disapproving the recommended action, and explaining the reasons and rationale for such decision. This requirement shall apply when the superintendent is requested to provide preclearance for a board action and when the superintendent evaluates a final board action upon review by or appeal to the superintendent.