

657—26.4(17A) Board consideration.

26.4(1) *Initial activities.* Within 14 days after the filing of a petition, the board shall submit a copy of the petition and any accompanying brief to the administrative rules coordinator and to the administrative rules review committee. Upon request by petitioner in the petition, the board shall schedule a brief and informal meeting between the petitioner and the board, a member of the board, or a member of the staff of the board to discuss the petition. The board may request that the petitioner submit additional information or argument concerning the petition. The board may also solicit comments from any person on the substance of the petition. Any person may submit to the board comments on the substance of the petition.

26.4(2) *Decision issued.* Within 60 days after the filing of the petition, or within any longer period agreed to by the petitioner, the board shall, in writing, deny the petition, and notify petitioner of its action and the specific grounds for the denial, or grant the petition and notify petitioner that it has instituted rule-making proceedings on the subject of the petition. Petitioner shall be deemed notified of the denial or grant of the petition on the date when the board mails or delivers the required notification to petitioner.

26.4(3) *Denial for nonconformity.* Denial of a petition because it does not substantially conform to the required form does not preclude the filing of a new petition on the same subject that seeks to eliminate the grounds for the board's rejection of the original petition.