653—25.3(17A) Combined statement of charges and settlement agreement. Upon a determination by the board that probable cause exists to take formal disciplinary action, the board and the licensee may enter into a combined statement of charges and settlement agreement.

25.3(1) *Board discretion.* The board has the sole discretion to determine whether to offer a licensee a combined statement of charges and settlement agreement.

25.3(2) *Voluntary agreement.* Entering into a combined statement of charges and settlement agreement is completely voluntary.

25.3(3) *Contents.* The combined statement of charges and settlement agreement shall include a brief statement of the charges, the circumstances that led to the charges and the terms of settlement.

25.3(4) *Resolution of the contested case.* A combined statement of charges and settlement agreement shall constitute the resolution of a contested case proceeding.

25.3(5) Open record. A combined statement of charges and settlement agreement is an open record.