

Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

May 14, 2026

Agenda Item: Appeal Decision 5232 (In re Discipline of E.K.)

**State Board
Priority:** Statutory obligation

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Role/Authority:** The State Board has the duty to decide this appeal. Iowa Code chapter 290 (2025).

Presenter(s): Thomas A. Mayes
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Attachment(s): Five

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board not grant the application for rehearing in this matter.

Background: On March 13, 2026, the State Board affirmed the Respondent's decision in this matter.¹ Appellant timely requested rehearing. The purpose for rehearing under Iowa Code section 17A.16(2) is to provide the agency an opportunity to correct errors in its final decision. It is not a vehicle for a second "bite at the apple" or to raise issues that could have been raised but were not. After considering the filings of the parties, the Department recommends that the request for rehearing be denied.

¹ Available online at <https://educate.iowa.gov/media/12586/download?inline>.