Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 18, 2026

Agenda Item: Rules – Adopted & Filed – Chapter 1 (amend)

State Board Priority: Goal 5

State Board Role/Authority: This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.7.

Presenter(s): None – consent agenda

Attachment(s): One

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education amend Chapter 1.

Background: This rulemaking clarifies the State Board of Education's role when there is no appeal of a proposed decision in contested cases under its jurisdiction. The Department received no public comment.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Adopted and Filed

The State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 1, "Organization and Operation," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapters 17A and 290, and section 256.7.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapters 17A and 290.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed rulemaking clarifies the State Board of Education's role when there is no appeal of a proposed decision in contested cases under its jurisdiction.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 14, 2026, as **ARC 0647D**.

A public hearing was held on November 3, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., in Room B50, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines. No one attended the hearing for this rule. No public comment was received. The amendments are identical to the published Notice.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the State Board on November 18, 2026.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the State Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 7—Chapter 2504.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on January 13, 2027.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** subrule 1.1(5):

1.1(5) *Failure to appeal proposed decision to the state board.* A proposed decision of the presiding officer, if there is no timely appeal under 7—subrule 2506.27(1), is placed on the consent agenda of the next regular board meeting for summary adoption unless the decision is within the province of the director to make.