

**4525.0500 INVESTIGATIONS AND AUDITS.**

Subpart 1. **No complaint.** The board may undertake investigations or audits with respect to statements and reports which are filed or should have been filed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A, although no complaint has been filed. Any decision as to whether an investigation should be undertaken must be made at a closed meeting of the board.

Subp. 2. **Conduct.** Investigations and audits must be conducted in an expeditious manner, but with regard for fundamental fairness. Within a reasonable time after undertaking an investigation or audit, the executive director of the board shall inform the person under investigation or audit of the fact of the investigation or audit. The board shall make no final decision on any investigation or audit unless the person under investigation or audit has been informed of the charges and has had the opportunity to make a statement to the board or its employees or agents.

Subp. 3. **Contested case hearing.** At any time during an investigation or audit, the board may hold a contested case hearing before making a finding on any investigation or audit.

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 20 SR 2504]

Subp. 5. **Board meetings.** Board meetings related to an investigation or audit must be conducted in accordance with part 4525.0200, subparts 4 to 6.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 10A.02; 10A.025*

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