

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
August 20, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Probable Cause for Noncompliance with Legal Protections
Regarding Parental Freedom of Speech

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Consideration

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1008.32(2)(a), (4), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chairwoman Sarah Rockwell of the Alachua County School Board posted disparaging remarks on social media celebrating the death of Hulk Hogan because of his political views. At a subsequent Alachua County School Board meeting, Chairwoman Rockwell permitted law enforcement to threaten a parent with removal because of political views expressed by that parent.

Supporting Documentation Included: N/A

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