(4) Letter of admonition. (a) When a complaint or investigation discloses an instance of misconduct that, in the opinion of the director, does not warrant formal action by the director but that should not be dismissed as being without merit, the director may issue and send a letter of admonition to the licensee, certificate holder, or registrant.

(b) (I) When the director sends a letter of admonition to a licensee, certificate holder, or registrant pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) of this section, the director shall also advise the licensee, certificate holder, or registrant that he or she has the right to request in writing, within twenty days after receipt of the letter, that the director initiate formal disciplinary proceedings to adjudicate the propriety of the conduct upon which the letter of admonition is based.

(II) If the licensee, makes the request for adjudication, the director shall vacate the letter of admonition and shall process the matter by means of formal disciplinary proceedings.

(c) This subsection (4) does not apply to the following:

(I) Article 205 of this title 12 concerning athletic trainers; and

(II) Article 310 of this title 12 concerning surgical assistants and surgical technologists.