

INQUIRY COMMITTEE FINDINGS

At the March 2026 Commission meeting, two supervisors were sent to the Commission’s Inquiry Committee established under 02 NCAC 59A .0302 for consideration.

The Inquiry Committee, consisting of Committee Chair Baker and Commissioners Lamb and Reynolds, met virtually on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Phillip Reynolds (NCDOJ), Victor Unnone (NCDOJ), David Williams (NC DSWC), Bryan Evans (NCASWCD), and Kristina Fischer (NC DSWC) served as staff support.

Non-attendance at local board meetings:

02 NCAC 59A .0301(c) requires District boards to notify the Commission in writing of any member that has failed to attend three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, except when prevented by illness of the Supervisor. Notification from the District shall include explanation for non-attendance and the actions that the District board has taken to address the Supervisor’s attendance.

The Inquiry Committee considered one supervisor who had failed to attend five consecutive regularly schedule meetings beginning April 2025:

District	Name	Details
Gates	Robert Miller	5 consecutive meetings missed; attended March 2026 board meeting

After deliberation, the Inquiry Committee voted that the matter be closed without further action.

Non-attendance at Basic Training:

02 NCAC 59A .0301(d)(1) requires the Division to submit documentation of participants in Basic Training by April 1 of each year.

Under 02 NCAC 59A .0202(a) and .0202 (b), all supervisors are required to complete Basic Training within their first year of service as an elected or appointed supervisor.

The Inquiry Committee considered one supervisor who has not met Basic Training requirements:

District	Name	Details
Warren	Shane Harris	Service began November 2024; has not attended Basic Training

After deliberation, the Inquiry Committee determined that evidence of neglect of duty has occurred for Supervisor Harris, and he is referred to a hearing by the Commission.

This hearing will take place in conjunction with the Business Session for the July 29, 2026, Commission Meeting. The hearing will be held at 11:30am, and Supervisor Harris will be given the opportunity to appear either in-person or remotely. Correspondence will be sent to Supervisor Harris and his SWCD Board Chair by Certified Mail explaining the next steps.