

INQUIRY COMMITTEE FINDINGS

At the March 2025 Commission meeting, one supervisor was sent to the Commission's Inquiry Committee established under 02 NCAC 59A .0302 for consideration. In addition, two supervisors were tabled during a February meeting of the committee to allow ample time for a response to certified mail sent by the Division.

The Inquiry Committee, consisting of Committee Chair Baker and Commissioners Kilpatrick and Lamb, met virtually on Monday, May 12, 2025. Phillip Reynolds (NCDOJ), David Williams (NC DSWC), Bryan Evans (NCASWCD), and Kristina Fischer (NC DSWC) served as staff support.

Failure to meet continuing training requirements:

NC General Statute 139-7.2 requires all supervisors to obtain six Supervisor Training Credits (STCs) per term of service. For the 2020-2024 terms, two supervisors were considered due to failure to meet training requirements:

District	First Name	Last Name	Elected / Appointed	2020-2024 STCs	Start Month	Start Year
Henderson	Daniel R.	McConnell	Elected	4.50	March	1987
Pender	Trent	Talbert	Appointed	0.00	September	2001

After deliberation, the Inquiry Committee voted that 1.5 STC hours achieved in March 2025 (Area 1 Spring Meeting) will be applied to the previous term for Supervisor McConnell.

For Supervisor Talbert, the Inquiry Committee voted that evidence of neglect of duty has occurred and he is referred to a hearing by the Commission.

Failure to attend:

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 three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings between December 1, 2023, and November 30, 2024:

District	Name	Details
Edgecombe SWCD	Cody Waters	2 of 9 attended

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