

INQUIRY COMMITTEE FINDINGS

At the January 2025 Commission meeting, seven supervisors were sent to the Commission’s Inquiry Committee established under 02 NCAC 59A .0302 for consideration.

The Inquiry Committee, consisting of Chair Bleiweis and Commissioners Kilpatrick and Lamb, met virtually on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Commissioner Spence also attended virtually. 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, there were six supervisors that did not meet the training requirement:

District	First Name	Last Name	Elected / Appointed	2020-2024 STCs	Start Month	Start Year
Albemarle – Perquimans	H. Wayne	Hurdle	Elected	5.75	August	2001
Columbus	Gary	Simmons	Elected	3.75	January	2019
Henderson	Daniel R.	McConnell	Elected	4.50	March	1987
McDowell	Robert	Yutzy	Elected	0.00	March	2024*
Pender	Trent	Talbert	Appointed	0.00	September	2001
Surry	William Lee	Dalton, Jr.	Elected	2.25	July	2024*

After deliberation, the Inquiry Committee voted to extend the training requirements by one year for Supervisors Hurdle, Simmons, and Dalton.

The Inquiry Committee also voted to close the issue without further action for Supervisor Yutzy.

Decisions will be postponed until after March 13, 2025 for Supervisors McConnell and Talbert, to allow ample time for response to certified mail sent by the Division.

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 schedule meetings between December 1, 2023, and November 30, 2024:

District	Name	Details
Cumberland SWCD	Monique McMillan	2 of 10 attended

After deliberation, the Inquiry Committee voted to close the issue without further action for Supervisor McMillan.