

**10A NCAC 89B .0214 PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

- (a) Upon notice to all parties, the hearing officer may instruct the parties to participate in a pre-hearing conference.
- (b) The conference shall be informal in nature.
- (c) The conference shall be noted in the notice of hearing or in a subsequent notice if a conference is later determined to be necessary by the hearing officer.
- (d) The purpose of the conference will be to discuss:
  - (1) the possibility of simplification of issues,
  - (2) stipulation of facts or findings,
  - (3) identification of areas where evidence will be needed,
  - (4) Indication of discovery, and
  - (5) any other matters which will reduce costs or save time or otherwise aid expeditious disposition of the case.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 143-545A; 150B-1; 34 C.F.R. 361.48;  
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Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 1, 2016.