

**SECTION .0600 - ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS: PROCEDURES**

**21 NCAC 02 .0601 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

- (a) The Professional Standards Committee ("Committee") shall be appointed by the President of the Board. Complaints regarding violations of the law or board rules shall be referred to the Committee.
- (b) The Committee shall determine whether a complaint warrants further investigation or, if proven, constitutes probable cause and justifies contested case proceedings.
- (c) If probable cause is found by the Committee, the staff and board counsel shall serve a Notice of Hearing for a contested case proceeding. However, a Consent Agreement resolving the complaint may be negotiated and recommended to the Board by the Committee, either before or after service of the Notice of Hearing.
- (d) If probable cause is not found, the Committee may dismiss such a matter with or without prejudice.

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