



**OCCUPATIONS AND EDUCATION OF MEMBERS  
2023 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**Occupation:** Commercial Real Estate Broker

**Education:** B.S., Education, The Citadel

**Eric Ager**

**Occupation:** Hickory Nut Gap Farm Business Operations  
Director/Project HNG Executive Director

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1996; M.A. International Relations, Atilim University, 2005; National  
Security Studies, U.S. Navy War College, 2009

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**Occupation:** Real Estate Development, Attorney

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School of Law

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**Education:** BSCE, The Citadel; MSCE, UNC-Charlotte

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**Occupation:** Freelance Media Production

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**Amber M. Baker**

**Occupation:** Educator

**Education:** Winston-Salem State University; Ohio State University

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**Occupation:** Physician

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Residency and Fellowship in Psychiatry/Child Adolescent, Barnes  
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**Occupation:** Mortgage Loan Officer

**Education:** Associate of Business Administration: Banking and  
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**Occupation:** Mediator

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Commonwealth University; 30 hours Doctoral Coursework,  
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**Occupation:** RISE Capital

**Education:** B.A., Sociology and Criminology, UNC-Wilmington

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**Occupation:** Realtor

**Education:** GTCC, 1996

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**Occupation:** Retired Attorney

**Education:** A.B., Highest Honors in Economics, UNC-Chapel Hill;  
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**Occupation:** Attorney/Accountant

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**Occupation:** CEO, PetScreening, Inc.

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**Occupation:** Stout Trucking, Inc.

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**Occupation:** Farmer

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**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** B.A., Political Science, UNC-Charlotte

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**Occupation:** Contractor

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**Occupation:** Healthcare Habilitation Worker

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**Occupation:** CEO, Tammy Lynn Center

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**Occupation:** Real Estate Developer

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**Blair Eddins**

**Occupation:** Samaritan's Purse

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**Occupation:** Attorney

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**Occupation:** Pastor

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**Education:** A.B., Harvard; J.D., Harvard Law School

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**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

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**Education:** Bachelors, UNC Pembroke, 2012



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**Occupation:** Owner of G&M Milling

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**Occupation:** Attorney

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**Occupation:** Attorney

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**Occupation:** Minister

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**Occupation:** Retired Civil Service, Minister

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**Occupation:** Retired Sheriff - Pender County

**Education:** Topsail High School



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**Occupation:** Retired Law Enforcement

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