

**§ 7B-800.1. Pre-adjudication hearing.**

- (a) Prior to the adjudicatory hearing, the court shall consider the following:
  - (1) Retention or release of provisional counsel.
  - (2) Identification of the parties to the proceeding.
  - (3) Whether paternity has been established or efforts made to establish paternity, including the identity and location of any missing parent.
  - (4) Whether relatives, parents, or other persons with legal custody of a sibling of the juvenile have been identified and notified as potential resources for placement or support.
  - (5) Whether all summons, service of process, and notice requirements have been met.
  - (5a) Whether the petition has been properly verified and invokes jurisdiction.
  - (6) Any pretrial motions, including (i) appointment of a guardian ad litem in accordance with G.S. 7B-602, (ii) discovery motions in accordance with G.S. 7B-700, (iii) amendment of the petition in accordance with G.S. 7B-800, or (iv) any motion for a continuance of the adjudicatory hearing in accordance with G.S. 7B-803.
  - (7) Any other issue that can be properly addressed as a preliminary matter.
- (b) The pre-adjudication hearing may be combined with a hearing on the need for nonsecure custody or any pretrial hearing or conducted in accordance with local rules.
- (c) The parties may enter stipulations in accordance with G.S. 7B-807 or enter a consent order in accordance with G.S. 7B-801. (2013-129, s. 18; 2014-16, s. 1; 2015-135, s. 2.3; 2015-136, s. 8.)