

	ETHICS COMMISSION	BOARD OF ELECTIONS	ELECTIONS & ETHICS ENFORCEMENT
MEMBERS	8 members	5 members	8 members
PARTY MAKEUP	No more than 4 from the same political party	No more than 3 members from the same political party	4 Democrats 4 Republicans
APPOINTMENT PROCESS	Governor appoints 4 Senate appoints 2 House appoints 2	Governor appoints all 5 from a list of nominees sent by state political parties	Governor appoints all 8 from list of nominees sent by state political parties
TERMS	4 years	4 years (limit of 2 consecutive terms)	2 years (limit of 2 consecutive terms)
REMOVAL	Governor may remove for misconduct upon recommendation of appointing body.	Governor may remove for failure to attend meetings.	Governor may remove for misconduct.
BOARD POSITIONS	Governor appoints chair. Commissioners elect vice chair. 1-year terms for each. No secretary.	Board members elect chair and secretary. No vice chair.	Board members elect chair, vice chair, and secretary. (Exception: In 2017, Governor appoints all three). 2-year terms for chair and vice chair, who must be from different parties. Chair is Democrat from 2017-18 and Republican from 2019-20. (Chair party affiliation is based on most recent voter registration statistics)
MEETINGS	At least quarterly, or when called by chair or 4 members	When called by chair or 3 members	At least monthly, or when called by chair or 5 members
QUORUM	5 members	3 members	5 members
VACANCIES	Filled by original appointing body (remainder of term)	Filled by Governor from list of 3 names provided by the party of the vacating member (remainder of term)	Filled by Governor from list of 2 names provided by party of the vacating member (remainder of term)
INDEPENDENCE	Independent with administrative functions handled by Dep't of Administration. G.S. 138A-9	Independent regulatory and quasi-judicial agency	Independent regulatory and quasi-judicial agency
SUBPOENAS	Majority vote to petition Wake County Superior Court	Chair or by any two members	Five members vote to petition Wake County Superior Court for ethics matters. All other matters require 5 members, with subpoena issued by chair or vice chair.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Commission employs executive director, who is a non-exempt employee, removable for cause.	Board appoints executive director for a 4-year term, removable for cause.	Board appoints executive director for 2-year term, removable for cause. (Exception: State Board executive director as of Dec. 2016 holds over until May 2019).
COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION	N/A	3 members for 2-year terms (no more than 2 from one party)	4 members for 2-year terms with 2 from each major party. Both chair and vice chair elected by the board for 1-year term and must be of different parties. Chair is Democrat in odd-numbered years and Republican in even-numbered years. (Chair party affiliation is based on most recent voter registration statistics). Quorum is 3 members.

Note: The above is intended for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal guidance.