



District 3 Vacancy

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Background

May 21, 2026

- Commissioner David Delaney resigned
- Board formally accepted resignation
- Vacancy created for District 3 seat



Statutory Authority (NCGS §153A-27)

- Governs filling commissioner vacancies
- Remaining Board members appoint replacement
- Clerk of Superior Court makes appointment if deadline missed



Key Timeline

Vacancy date: May 21, 2026

60-day deadline: July 21, 2026

- If missed Clerk of Superior Court must fill within 10 days



Term of Appointment

- Vacancy occurs >60 days before next election
- Appointee serves remainder of term
- Term ends December 7, 2026



Eligibility Requirements

- Must reside in District 3
- Must be same political party as departing commissioner



Party Consultation

- Board must consult Democratic Party Executive Committee
- Board is not bound by recommendation



Recommendation Received

- Democratic Party recommends appointment of Mike Roberson
- Formal letter submitted to Board



Option 1: Appoint Recommended Candidate

Appoint Mike Roberson

- Suggested effective date: July 16, 2026
- Allows transition from current position



Option 2: Request Additional Candidates

Ask party for more names

- Establish clear submission deadline

Ensure compliance with statutory timeframe



Option 3: Open Application Process

Open short application period

- Limit to qualified District 3 residents
- Set deadline and provide application form



Option 4: Defer Action

- Defer to a future meeting
- Must still meet July 21 statutory deadline



Option 5: Alternative Direction

- Provide other direction to staff
- Must remain consistent with NCGS §153A-27



Option 2-5 Considerations

- Options 2-5 will require the scheduling of one (1) or more special meetings
- Board could elect to do interviews (which may include party recommendation)
- Must still meet the July 21 deadline



Questions and Board Direction

