



STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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The State Ethics Commission unanimously named Kathleen Edwards interim executive director at a special meeting on Tuesday (June 4). The Commission had been without a director since being separated from the State Board of Elections in late December 2018. The appointment is effective immediately.

Edwards has 35 years of legal experience, including more than 12 years with the Commission, having served as assistant director, general counsel, and advice attorney. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the University of South Florida in Tampa. Edwards was one of the first employees hired by the Commission when it was created in 2006. Since that time, she has worked in several key Commission roles. “Kathy Edwards has a breadth and depth of knowledge in this unique and challenging area that is matched by very few people in North Carolina,” said Commission Chairman William H. Freeman.

Edwards said she is honored by the appointment and looks forward to leading the agency during the interim period. “The public has placed a great trust in the Ethics Commission, and its staff is working very hard to ensure that state government officials represent the public’s interests. We will do everything possible to honor that trust,” Edwards said.