



MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR EDUCATION

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | CASE 26-0002-I

Findings Regarding a Member of the Somerset County Board of Education Allegedly Residing Outside of Their Registered Commissioner's District.

The Office of the Inspector General for Education (OIGE) initiated an investigation after receiving a complaint that a member of the Somerset County Public School Board of Education (SCPS-BOE) was residing outside the member's correctly registered election Commissioner's District.

OIGE found that the SCPS-BOE member self-declared and registered the address with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration and the Maryland Board of Elections, and that the SCPS-BOE occupied the address in the members' elected Commissioner District. OIGE also found that the SCPS-BOE member self-declared and registered the address of the complaint with the Circuit Court of Somerset County, the Maryland State Department of Assessment and Taxation, and the Somerset County Commissioners – Tax Collection, which is recorded and registered outside the member's elected Commissioner District.

OIGE could not substantiate the allegation due to discrepancies in the SCPS-BOE members' self-declarations and their refusal to cooperate in the investigation.

OIGE has completed its investigation and submitted its report to the Maryland State Board of Education for appropriate action.

Unless otherwise noted, the OIGE applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether local school system personnel have committed misconduct.