

MOTION

NO. M-26-162

CITY HALL: April 23, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBER HUGHES (BY REQUEST)

SECONDED BY:

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BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That the Clerk of Council shall immediately provide a certified copy of this motion to Ceeon Quiett Smith, the Ethics Review Board, the Law Department, and the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

TO ACCOMPANY MOTIONS

BEFORE SUBMISSION TO CLERK OF COUNCIL

Requesting Department or Agency: Mayor's Office

Name of Contact Person: Chante Powell

Telephone Number: 504.658.1922

Email Address: chante.powell@nola.gov

Initials of Sponsoring Councilmember(s): Councilmember Jason Hughes

DETAILED SYNOPSIS OF THE MOTION

Please generally describe the purpose, intent, and effect of the proposed motion.

This motion is to appoint Ceeon Quiett Smith to the Ethics Review Board.

If the Motion is to appoint an individual to a City Board or Commission, please follow the procedures set forth in Rule 15 of the Council Rules and Regulations.

REQUESTED ADOPTION DATE: _____



APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF: Orleans

Nominees for the appointments to any board, commission or public body must complete this form and submit it to the City Council Research Office to be considered for appointment. Please answer **ALL** questions and submit the notarized original document; copies will not be accepted.

References: Sec. 2-87.1 of the Code of the City of New Orleans and City Council Rule 15.

Public body to which nominated: Ethics Review Board

Nominating entity or entity which nominee will represent: City of New Orleans/Southern University at New Orleans

Name of nominee: Ceeon D. Quiett Smith, Ph.D

Domicile address (street name and zip code only): [REDACTED] Lake Willow Drive 70126

Street Name

Zip Code

Do you claim a homestead exemption at this address? Yes: No:

Month and year of birth: September 1968

Are you registered to vote in Orleans Parish? Yes: No:

City Council district in which you are registered to vote: E

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Education: List institutions, dates attended, degree(s) received, and date(s) granted:

Howard University, 1986-1991, BA

University of Maryland, College Park, 1992-1996, MA

Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, 2014-2017, Ph.D

Employment: List all employment during the past two years, including name of employer, location, job title(s), job description(s) and dates of employment:

Dillard University, EVP, Student Success & Operations (2023-2025).

Led a team of professional staff directing units related to student engagement, housing, health and related operations, including auxiliary operations.

Southern University at New Orleans, Chief of Staff, 2026-Present. This position handles matters of policy while supporting improvements in the university's organizational units.

This position serves as a liaison for the Chancellor on matters concerning the university.

Government Experience: List any experience in or association with federal, state, or local governments, including paid and unpaid employment, advisory, honorary, volunteer, or other service or positions:

Federal: U.S. Dept. of Transportation (USDOT), Office of the Secretary, HBCU/MSI Advisor
(2022-2024)

Local: Director Communications, Office of the Mayor, 2006-2010

Do you, any member of your immediate family, or employer have any interest in any matter that is presently, or that you have reason to believe may come before the board, commission, or authority to which you are proposed to be appointed? If yes, please explain:

No, I am not aware of any such matters.

APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Do you, any member of your immediate family, or your employer have a contract with, or have any financial interest in any contract or transaction with the board, commission, authority to which you are nominated, or any other department, board, commission, or agency of the City of New Orleans, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, or the City Council? If yes, please explain:

No, I do not, nor am I aware of any immediate family members, or my employer involved in such matters.

Are you a public employee? If yes, please identify the government entity and your position:
(Note: Home Rule Charter sec. 9-106 prohibits any board/commission member from public employment compensated by the City of New Orleans.)

Yes, I am employed by Southern University at New Orleans, an institution within the Southern University System.

Do you hold an elected office? If yes, please identify the office and your title:

No, I do not hold an elected office.

Are you currently a candidate for any elective office? If yes, please identify the office:

No, I am not a candidate for any elective office.

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Have you previously held public office? If yes, please identify the office and dates held:

Served as Director Communications, Office of the Mayor, 2006-2010

Do you serve on any other government board, commission, committee or authority? If yes, please identify the board, commission, committee or public body, the nature of its authority, and amounts of any compensation received.

No, I do not serve on any other government board or commission, committee or authority.

Memberships: List all memberships, including offices, held in professional, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations

The New Orleans Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

The New Orleans Chapter of The Links, Inc. -Recording Secretary

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The HBCU Emergency Management Consortium, The FEMA Region 6 Higher Ed Consortium

Do you agree to adhere to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for the City of New Orleans (Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 3 of the Code of the City of New Orleans), a copy of which is available at <https://www.nola.gov/nola/media/City-Council/Files/City-of-New-Orleans-Code-of-Ethics.pdf?>

Yes: No:

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Have you ever been convicted, pled guilty, or pled nolo contendere to any local, state, or federal crime other than a traffic violation? If yes, please explain:

No, I have not.

Have you ever received a final judgment for any violation of City of New Orleans or Louisiana ethics laws, professional license regulations, or a final judgment for administrative adjudication proceedings, other than for parking violations? If yes, please explain:

No, I have not.

Do you, any member of your immediate family, or your employer have any financial interest in any claim or pending lawsuit against the City of New Orleans, or any of its boards, commissions or public bodies? If yes, please explain:

No, I am not, and I am not aware of any family members, employers with such claims.

Are you delinquent in the payment of any taxes, fees, fines (other than traffic or parking violations), or judgments to the City of New Orleans? If yes, please explain:

I am working with the Bureau of the Treasury to address my late grandfather's property - James C. ducker, 39W024919.

The matter involves a demolition lien that was placed erroneously on the property- 5522 Pauline Drive, New Orleans, LA

The matter is not in my name, but, I am on record trying to save my families property.


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If requested, are you willing to appear before a Council committee to testify and bring any pertinent documents which may be requested? Yes No


NOTE — During the term of your appointment:

- You are under a continuing obligation to inform the City Council Governmental Affairs Committee, or its successor, should any of the information submitted in this questionnaire change for any reason;
- Failure to attend at least seventy-five percent of the meetings of the entity to which you are appointed shall constitute reasonable cause for your dismissal from the position appointed; and
- Material misrepresentation of any information provided in this questionnaire shall constitute cause for dismissal from the position appointed.

Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned Notary this 6th day of
April 2026



Notary Public
Commission Expires: _____



Nominee Signature

Ⓐ **ADAM J. SWENSEK** Ⓐ
Notary Public
LSBA # 30751, Notary # 84734
State of Louisiana
My commission is issued for life.