

**MOTION**

**NO. M-26-159**

**CITY HALL: April 23, 2026**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBER KING (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 Cherrell Simms Taplin, the Ethics Review Board, the Law Department, and the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

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**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

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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 Freddie King

**DETAILED SYNOPSIS OF THE MOTION**

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

This motion is to appoint Cherrell Simms Taplin to the Ethics Review Board.

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**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: Loyola University New Orleans

Name of nominee: Cherrell Simms Taplin

Domicile address (street name and zip code only)                     Aurora Oaks Dr. 70131  
Street Name Zip Code

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

Month and year of birth: November 1976

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

City Council district in which you are registered to vote: District C

## APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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

Loyola University College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2002

Loyola University New Orleans, Bachelor of Arts - Psychology, 1998

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

Liskow & Lewis, APLC, Hancock Whitney Center, 701 Poydras St. Suite 5000, New Orleans, LA 70139

Shareholder and litigation attorney; January 3, 2019 - Present.

Mediations Arbitration Professional Systems, Inc. ("Maps"), Heritage Plaza, 11 Veterans Blvd STE 800, Metairie, LA 70005

Mediator/Panel of Neutrals; August 2020 - Present.

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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:

Senior Chief Deputy City Attorney, City of New Orleans, December 2013 - January 2, 2019.

Judge Pro Tempore, May 2017 - December 2017 (while on temporary leave of absence from the City Attorney's Office).

US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana Panel of Neutrals Mediator for Hurricane Ida Mediation Program

Local Rules Committee for the US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 2024 - Present (voluntary advisory committee).

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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.**

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## 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. while I do not currently represent any clients who are engaged in any matters or contracts to which the City of New Orleans is a party, there are other attorneys at my law firm

(Liskow & Lewis) who represent clients, or in the future may represent clients, in matters and/or contracts to which the City of New Orleans is a counter-party.

Also, out of an abundance of caution in response to this inquiry, Liskow & Lewis has an ongoing engagement agreement to represent the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office in litigation that was

filed against in 2022 in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in 2022. The case is ongoing and I am the primary attorney. Although the OPSO is not an agency of the City, I am aware that it receives it's funding through the City.

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.)

No.

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

No.

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

No.

## APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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

By Louisiana Supreme Court Appointment as Judge Pro Tempore for the Orleans Parish Civil District Court, Division J, May 2017 - December 2017.

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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.

Volunteer service on the Public Safety Committee for Mayor Moreno's transition team.

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

Board of Trustees, Loyola University New Orleans; Board of Directors, New Orleans Bar Association; Board of Directors, The Pro Bono Project; Board of Directors, French Quarter Festivals, Inc.;

Louisiana Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Greater New Orleans, Louis A. Martinet Legal Society; National Bar Association;

Association for Women Attorneys; American Inn of Court, A.P. Tureaud Chapter; American Arbitration Association

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:

## APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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.

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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.

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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:

I am not personally involved in any legal matters adverse to the City of New Orleans; however, there are attorneys at my law firm (Liskow & Lewis) that represent, or may in the future represent, clients in matters that are adverse to the City of New Orleans, including among other potential representations: (i) tax disputes (including currently ongoing disputes); and (ii) property damage disputes.

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:

No.

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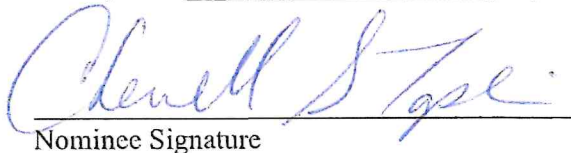
## APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE


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 30th day of March, 2026

  
Nominee Signature

  
Notary Public  
Commission Expires: at death

THOMAS J. MCGOEY, II  
Notary Public  
State of Louisiana  
Louisiana State Bar #18330  
My Commission is Issued for Life