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As MEDC CEO and President and Chair of the Michigan Strategic Fund, Quentin is charged with implementing and executing MEDC’s core mission of business development and attraction, community development, providing access to capital and enhancing Michigan’s image and brand with a focus on building a strong and equitable economy for all Michiganders. His responsibilities include managing the administration of all programs, funds, personnel, contracts, and other administrative functions of MEDC.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Quentin is a member of Governor Gretchen E. Whitmer’s cabinet and serves on the boards of the American Center for Mobility, Michigan Israel Business Accelerator, International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and Oklahoma University’s Economic Development Institute (OU EDI) and is a member of the Michigan Council on Climate Solutions.

He was named by Financial Times as a member of the *2021 Agenda Diversity 100*, Crain’s Detroit Business, *50 Names to Know in Government (2021)*, Biz New Orleans *CEO of the Year (2020)*, Biz New Orleans *Businessperson of the Year (2019)*, by Consultants Connect as one of *North America’s Top 50 Economic Developers (2020, 2019)* and by Ebony Magazine for its *Ebony Power 100 as a Power Player (2018)*.

Immediately prior to joining MEDC, Quentin was President & CEO at the New Orleans Business Alliance which, under his leadership, became one of fewer than 80 accredited economic development organizations worldwide (AEDO). Quentin also previously served as the Assistant Secretary for Louisiana Economic Development, (LED) Louisiana’s department of economic development.

EDUCATION/BACKGROUND

Quentin is an alumnus of the Boston Consulting Group and O’Melveny & Myers LLP and a degree recipient from Princeton and Columbia Universities.

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