

# QUENTIN L. MESSER, JR., CEcD

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As CEO and Chief Economic Competitiveness Officer of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and President and Chair of the Michigan Strategic Fund, Quentin implements and executes MEDC's core mission of business development and attraction, community development, providing access to capital and enhancing Michigan's brand with a focus on building a strong, equitable economy for all Michiganders. He manages 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. He is a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce's U.S. Investment Advisory Council, the University of Michigan's Innovation Partnerships National Advisory Board, and 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* as one of the Newsmakers of the Year (2022) and 50 Names to Know in Government (2021), *Biz New Orleans* as CEO of the Year (2020) and Businessperson of the Year (2019), *Consultants Connect* as one of North America's Top 50 Economic Developers (2020, 2019) and *Ebony Magazine* for its Ebony Power 100 as a Power Player (2018).

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 by the IEDC. Quentin also previously served as the Assistant Secretary for Louisiana 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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