

San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees (SAWS) Other Southeast Quadrant	Application No: No: 20210721112621_11454
ELIGIBILITY	
PROFILE	
Prefix	Mr
Last Name	Smyle
First Name	James
Middle Name	
Suffix	
Preferred Name	Jim
Title	
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length - Years	30
In which City Council District do you reside?	01
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	30
Address Type?	Residence
Address	
City	San Antonio
State	TX
Zip	78212
Phone Type?	Home
Phone number	
Type?	Preferred
Phone 2 number	

Address 2 Type?	Business
Address 2	
City 2	San Antonio
State 2	TX
Zip 2	
eMail	
Employer	
Job Title	
Occupation	
Board/Commission/Committee Name	San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees (SAWS)~Other~Southeast Quadrant~04
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
The City of San Antonio strives for boards and commissions to be representative of our diverse community. Providing the following demographic information is voluntary, and will only be used for statistical and reporting purposes.	
Race/Ethnicity (Please select all that apply):	White/Non-Hispanic
Gender:	Male
Age:	65 to 74
Do you identify as a sexual minority (such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, etc.)?	
QUESTIONS	

If this board position requires residency within Bexar County, the City of San Antonio city limits or within a particular council district, do you meet those residency requirements?	Yes
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own currently have any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract(s) with the City, including subcontracts?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek a contract(s) with the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies, or service?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek or take part, either directly or indirectly, in any sale of land, materials, supplies, or service to the City in the foreseeable future?	No

Does your employer or an employer of your immediate family members have a contract with the City?	No
Do you or any of your family members currently serve or in the past year served as an administrative aide to a Councilmember?	No
Do you currently serve in any elected or appointed public government office?	No
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non-profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	Yes
Give the title and dates of any position which you have held in such organization:	-- President/Board Chair (2011 to present), The Vetiver Network International -- Board member (2014 to present), Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
Do you receive any compensation for service on this entity(ies)?	No
Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	No
Have you ever been hired for a position with the City of San Antonio?	Yes
List the department(s) and date(s):	San Antonio Housing Authority, 1975
Reason for leaving City	Attend University

employment:	
Describe your Educational history.	1987 - MSc., Forest Hydrology, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA 1980 - BSc., Forest Management, Stephan F. Austin State Univ., Nacogdoches, TX 1975 - Associates Degree, San Antonio College, San Antonio, TX 1972 High School, Central Catholic, San Antonio, TX
Describe your Professional History & Certification designations (Current and historical).	Professional History: • Independent Consultant - 2007 to date. • World Bank Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist, Latin America Region, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development Department. 2000 2006. • RUTA/UNDP Seconded by World Bank to multi-donor coordination program (Regional Unit For Technical Assistance) as Principal Natural Resources Management Specialist for Central America. 1994 2000. • World Bank Natural Resources Management Specialist, Asia Region, Asia Technical Department for Environment. 1992 1994. • World Bank Environment/Forestry/Watershed Management Consultant, Asia Region, Asia Technical Department for Agriculture. 1988 1992. • University of Georgia, School of Forest Resources and USAID/Sri Lanka Education Extension Specialist/Researcher. 1986 1988. • University of Georgia, School of Forest

	<p>Resources Research Assistant. 1984 1986. • Peace Corps/Guatemala Natural Resource Conservation Extensionist. 1980 1983 • Stephan F. Austin State University, School of Forestry Watershed Technician. 1979 1980 Certification designations: • Current Methods in Tropical Forestry. Oxford Forestry Institute, Oxford University, England. 1997 • Global Policy Studies. Dean Rusk Center For Global Policy Studies, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA. 1987. • Tropical Ecology Field Studies. Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica. 1985</p>
Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service	<p>• Member, San Antonio Water System Rate Advisory Committee. 09/2019 to present. • Board Member, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance. 2014 to present • Chairman/President, The Vetiver Network International. Nonprofit. 2011 to present. • Member, Technical Advisory Committee, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance. 2010 to 2014 • Representative, City of San Antonio for the San Antonio River Watershed, Bexar County Regional Watershed Management Programs Watershed Improvement Advisory Council. 2008 to 2017. • Vice-Chairman, City of San Antonio Citizens Environmental Advisory Council.</p>

	<p>2009 to 2011. • Member, International Editorial Board. Land Use and Water Resources Research eJournal. University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Newcastle, England. 2001 to 2008. • Member, Technical Advisory Council to Central American Commission on Environment and Development for the Management of the Tri-national Trifinio Watershed. 2000/2001. • Board Member, The Vetiver Network International. Nonprofit. 2000 to 2011. • Member, International Advisory Council. Nicaragua Program for the Promotion of Investment in Sustainable Forestry. 1998 to 2000 • Director, Latin American Vetiver Network. Nonprofit. 1994 to 2000.</p>
<p>Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:</p>	<p>I believe that my background and experience would be value added to the SAWS Board and the residents and business customers of the Southeast Quadrant whose needs, priorities, and interests I would represent. First, I grew up in and have now spent about half my adult life in San Antonio, living in the part of town that lies in the SE Quadrant. My engagement in the community over this time has given me first-hand knowledge and a deep appreciation of our history, culture, and current realities, including the economic challenges</p>

of households in the SE Quadrant, which pre-pandemic represented about one-half of all households enrolled in SAWS' Affordability Discount Program. Secondly, having been exposed to the complexities of SAWS through my recent participation in SAWS Rate Advisory Committee, I can attest that my background and experience have given me professional opportunities and responsibilities -- including in policy, strategy, supervisory, and evaluation roles -- that are relevant to being an effective Board member within the complex technical, financial, and institutional environment that is SAWS. Lastly, there remains only a relatively short period of time to this appointment (term expires 05/31/2022), and during this span of time the SAWS Board will be playing an important role in the making of two decisions that have long term impacts on ratepayers and the Edwards Aquifer. The first is related to the new rate structure that will be approved and put in place in 2022. My time on the Rate Advisory Committee gives me an especially good head start and insight into the strong affordability (for ratepayers) and financial stability (for SAWS) challenges in the current environment. The second is related to the need for ensuring

	<p>the protection of our Edwards Aquifer water supply, a priority that was underlined by the recent controversy over SAWS'' proposing to run over-sized sewage pipes through two EAPP conservation easements to service a high-density development within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. As noted by SAWS'' CEO after the controversy came to light, San Antonio needs coherent policy to avoid conflicts between SAWS actions and aquifer-protection goals, and that "the board and City Council need to give SAWS''s staff guidance." It is critical that the SAWS Board and the City Council make progress in developing such policy guidance in the coming year. As a Board member, I would bring to such a process both a background in, and knowledge of, Edwards Aquifer conservation issues, as well long-term professional experience in the challenges of balancing economic development and long-term equity and sustainability concerns.</p>
APPLICATION SIGN-OFF	
As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to: Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Part II, Chapter 2, Article IX, Sec.2-534. All board and commission members	

<p>must file a Financial Disclosure Report with the Office of the City Clerk upon appointment, and annually thereafter, throughout the member's term. Failure to file a Financial Disclosure Report within the time required by the City's Ethics Code will be considered an automatic removal.</p>	
<p>I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this Application for Appointment, most of the information must be disclosed under the Public Information Act. I understand that the City of San Antonio will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of highly private matters by seeking an Attorney General's opinion in accordance with the Public Information Act. I understand that it may not be legally possible to maintain the confidentiality of such information, and I hereby release the City of San Antonio, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or</p>	<p>Acknowledged</p>

any other law requiring its release.	
<p>I recognize that I am an applicant for San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees (SAWS)~Other~Southeast Quadrant~04, as a City of San Antonio board or commission that is more than advisory in nature. As a city officer, I understand that I, my immediate family members, and any business in which I and/or they hold a 10% or greater ownership interest will be prohibited from seeking or accepting contracts with the city for the duration of my service on this board. I further understand that this restriction will extend with regard to many types of discretionary contracts for a period of one year after leaving city service.</p>	Acknowledged
<p>OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.</p>	Acknowledged
Enter Your Name	James Smyle
Date of submission.	7/21/2021

<p>The Texas Public Information Act provides that each government official may choose whether to allow the public access to the information in the custody of the City that contains your home address, home telephone number, or reveals whether you have family members. Please note that this does not apply to business addresses, which are subject to public disclosure. If an open records request is filed requesting to view or obtain records that contain your personal information, the City will take steps to protect your personal information as authorized by the Texas Public Information Act, but only if you have elected to protect personal information.</p>	
I want the public to have access to my Home Address.	No
I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information.	No
I want the public to have access to my Family	No

Information.	
Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments panel at the bottom of this page.	