



## **Robert E. Smith**

### **Board Member**



A native of Columbus and graduate of S.D. Lee High School, Robert E. Smith has consistently invested back into his hometown. Smith served more than three decades as an educator and administrator throughout Lowndes County and served as the Mayor of the City of Columbus from 2006 to 2021.

Smith has served with numerous boards and organizations over the years, including the Kids with Character Board, the Lowndes County Port Authority Board, the President of the Board of Directors Prairie Opportunity, the Hospital Community Advisory Board, Mississippi Valley State Football Alumni Association, Concerned Citizens Organization, and Ward 1 City Council Member. He was appointed to the Columbus Municipal School

District Board of Trustees in 2023.

For his civic contributions, Smith was named the NAACP Man of the Year, MLK, Jr. Oasis of Freedom and Justice Award, Harriet Tubman Award, and I.B.P.O. Elks of the World Achievement Award.

He is a graduate of Mississippi Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and holds a Master of Education Degree from Mississippi State University. His dedication and service to CMSD and Columbus aligns with the district's mission: student centered; excellence driven.