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BOARD DIRECTORS JOIN THE CENTRAL TERMINAL RESTORATION CORP.

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The Central Terminal Restoration Corp. welcomes James K. Morrell and Annie O’Neil-White to the Board of Directors. The not-for-profit board is the steward of the Buffalo Central Terminal and has advocated since 1997 for reuse of the iconic art deco former train station on Buffalo’s East Side.

Paul Lang, Chair of the board states, “We are overjoyed that Mr. Morrell and Ms. O’Neil-White are joining our board and broadening our collective skillset and community knowledge. 2020 was filled with focused activity on the future of the Terminal and James and Annie are talented leaders that will build on this momentum in 2021.”

Mr. Morrell is an urban planner with 30+ years of experience in the transit industry. He is currently the Deputy Director of Public Transit with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) focused on coordination and delivery of public transit service and public information with a focus on the customer experience. He is committed to Buffalo’s civic endeavors and currently serves as the City of Buffalo Planning Board Chairman. Other board positions include Past Chairman of the Taste of Buffalo and Past Board President of the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers (BFNC). James grew up in Broadway Fillmore and retains strong ties to the neighborhood.

Ms. O’Neil-White is a Vice President and Compliance Manager in the Enhanced Due Diligence Group at M&T Bank. She has a BA from Duke University and a JD from Washington University in St. Louis. At M&T, Ms. O’Neil-White also co-chairs her Department’s Career Development Month Committee and serves on the leadership committee of the Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Advisory Team. She regularly volunteers in the community and sits on the Alliance Community Board for Roswell Park

Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Western New York Network of English Teachers (WNYNET) Board of Trustees. Ms. O'Neil-White is passionate about seeking opportunities to serve her community and neighbors and had a lead role in the 2019 East Side Festival at the Buffalo Central Terminal.

Mr. Morrell and Ms. O'Neil-White join the board at an important point in time for the organization. Underway are a Master Plan and \$5 million in capital improvements. The Master Plan for the Buffalo Central Terminal site and its connectivity to the Broadway Fillmore Neighborhood is midway through the process. The Plan will create a clear road map to guide near and long-term decision-making regarding future redevelopment. Broad community involvement and focused Broadway Fillmore neighborhood participation is identifying ways to maximize development and envision a strong future for the Central Terminal that reflects community values and is fully embraced by the Broadway Fillmore neighborhood. Simultaneous investment of \$5 million in New York State Buffalo Billion funding for capital improvements is underway to create a more year-round, regional event venue in a portion of the Terminal. This work is focusing on the 8,000 square foot former restaurant area.