



**To develop the Buffalo Central Terminal – a majestic historic landmark –  
as a lasting cultural and economic hub for the community**

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**THREE NEW BOARD DIRECTORS JOIN THE  
CENTRAL TERMINAL RESTORATION CORP.**

BUFFALO, NY — The Central Terminal Restoration Corp, (CTRC) welcomes Thomas Beauford Jr., Thomas A. Kucharski and Gustavo A. Lima to the Board of Directors. The not-for-profit board is stewarding development of the Buffalo Central Terminal – a majestic historic landmark - as a lasting cultural and economic hub for the community.

Stephanie Clark, Chair of the board states, “We are happy to welcome Thomas Beauford, Thomas Kucharski, and Gustavo Lima to our leadership. With tremendous public and philanthropic support for revitalization, the Buffalo Central Terminal has unprecedented momentum right now. These three talented community leaders have strong skillsets that will add tremendous value to the future of the Buffalo Central Terminal.”



Thomas Beauford Jr. is a business executive with over 20 years of strategic leadership experience in private industry and community board service. He is currently the President and CEO of the Buffalo Urban League and was appointed to lead the historical civil rights, social justice, and community empowerment organization in August of 2020. He has a deep commitment to community service and currently serves as a board member of Kaleida Health, Univera Regional Advisory Board, Visit Buffalo Niagara, and Northland Workforce Training Center.

Thomas A. Kucharski has served as President and CEO of Invest Buffalo Niagara since 2000. Under his leadership, Invest Buffalo Niagara has grown from a start-up initiative to an innovative regional economic development organization that has secured more than 400 successful project wins representing \$4.4 billion in investment in the region and over 42,000 jobs created and/or retained. A dedicated and accomplished leader in economic development, Kucharski also serves on the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council and is an Executive Committee Member of the New York State Economic Development Council.



Gustavo A. Lima is an architect and construction manager with over 35 years of experience in project delivery of all kinds of building types, including some of the most iconic projects in the region. Having served as Principal and Director of Construction Services at CannonDesign for over 30 years, Lima now heads his own consulting firm, Gustavo A. Lima Architecture, dedicated to providing professional services that help bridge the gap between design and construction. Lima has leveraged his strong skillset through community involvement, currently serving on the Westminster Economic Development Initiative Board of Directors, the Construction Advisory committees of the New West Side Bazaar and the Western New York Land Conservancy’s Riverline Project, and in the Facilities committees of the Martin House Restoration Corporation and the Saturn Club.

Beauford, Kucharski, and Lima join the board at a pivotal point in time for the organization and the reuse of the historic Buffalo Central Terminal. In 2021 the CTRC concluded a year-long community-engagement process to develop a Master Plan. The community-driven Master Plan re-establishes the Terminal as a vibrant, hub of activity for the community—a beacon that attracts people and investment. In less than one year after releasing the Master Plan, the CTRC received over \$60 million to bring the Terminal back to life as part of the Regional Revitalization Partnership, a major public and philanthropic initiative to spur economic growth on Buffalo’s East Side and across Western New York. On the heels of this announcement, the CTRC released a call for development partner(s) through a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) solicitation. A proven approach in the development of complex real estate projects, the RFEI will identify and evaluate prospective real estate development partners and their innovative ideas for the reuse while also gauging their interest, capacity, and mission alignment.

Our full slate of board of directors - Stephanie Clark (Chair), James Morrell (Vice-Chair), Thomas Kucharski (Treasurer), John Jiloty (Secretary), Thomas Beauford, Yuri Hreshchyshyn, Angela Klein, Gustavo Lima, Michael Nisengard, Annie O’Neil-White and Carl Skompinski – is poised to advance the next chapter of the organization and the Buffalo Central Terminal.

**About the Central Terminal Restoration Corp.**

The historic Buffalo Central Terminal is a prominent feature of Buffalo's East Side and the Broadway Fillmore neighborhood. The not-for-profit [Central Terminal Restoration Corp.](#) (CTRC) has been the caretaker for more than 20 years. The future of the Buffalo Central Terminal is a singular catalytic opportunity to ignite a shared vision for a new future. The community driven Master Plan re-establishes the Terminal as a hub of activity – a beacon that attracts people and investment, celebrates, and fosters community voice and connections that shape broad and equitable revitalization efforts, and contributes to the strong future of the city and region. More information and photos can be found in our [Media Kit here](#).

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