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MUSEUM WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

GALVESTON, TX – The Center for Transportation & Commerce, Galveston Railroad Museum, proudly announces the election of Andrew Kaldis and Robert D. “Bob” Cowan to the board of directors.

Andrew Kaldis, Galveston resident, is the founder and CEO of Kaldis Development. Kaldis has extensive experience in property development and has been instrumental in the renovation and restoration of significant historic properties in the Houston and Galveston areas. On Galveston Island he made an impact on the historic downtown by restoring and converting to condominiums the Panama Hotel, 25th & Strand. Kaldis saved the building from years of neglect, decay, and abandonment. Now fully occupied, the Panama is currently ranked as a premier property in Historic Downtown Galveston.

Bob Cowan, BOI (Born on the Island), corporate executive and hotel operator previously functioned as VP of Operations and Development of Starwood Hotels and Resorts, and HEI Hospitality senior vice president of development operations. He currently serves as area managing director and general manager of Omni Hotels & Resorts in Houston.

The Galveston Railroad Museum is a non profit educational organization supported by membership, contributions, grants, museum admission and special events. Situated on five acres of railyard, the immersive museum exhibits consist primarily of railcars, fully restored 1932 train depot and adjacent exhibit building that features model trains and a portion of the vast collection of railroad porcelain china and silver. The RailHotel, restored private railcars, are available for overnight stays.

The board of directors meet monthly to provide oversight of general operations. Each director brings experience, unique skill sets, and serves as advisors for museum operations and restoration projects. ##