



LAKELAND, FL (April 7, 2015) - During the March 2015 Board meeting, Bank of Central Florida President & CEO Paul Noris was unanimously approved to serve as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Noris has been with Bank of Central Florida since its inception in March 2007, and has 16 years of banking experience prior to serving as President & CEO. In its first eight years, Bank of Central Florida has exceeded \$400 million in assets under Mr. Noris' leadership.

"From the beginning, our goal has been to provide exceptional client service and to exceed expectations," said Mr. Noris. "Our leading edge technology and talented workforce continue to drive our success, and set us apart in the marketplace. Steve did an incredible job as former Chairman, and I look forward to continuing his vision."

Steve Moore – who serves as CEO of Universal Building Specialties – will step down as Chairman but will remain on the Board.

As President & CEO / Chairman of the Board, Mr. Noris will have greater focus on strategy and expanding the bank's market presence. As Chairman, he will retain his current duties as President & CEO. Mr. Noris' appointment will ensure continuity with the bank's overall business strategy, as he leads the board and bank into the future.

Founded in 2007, Bank of Central Florida was chartered to serve the financial needs of the local marketplace. The Bank is guided by a local Board of Directors with vast knowledge of the local business climate and are driven by their vision for a financial services institution that is focused on client service. This rare approach has enabled the bank to bring the *Art of Intelligent Banking* to its clients.