

Paul A. McCraven
Board Member

Paul is president and CEO of ConnCORP, a community economic development corporation of ConnCAT. Paul has more than 25 years of financial services and banking experience, and served as senior vice president of First Niagara Bank responsible for community development across the bank's 4-state footprint. McCraven was also president of First Niagara Community Development Corporation, managing a \$50-million portfolio of community development loans and investments. He additionally served as a director of the First Niagara Foundation, the bank's corporate philanthropy arm. Prior to banking, he held various senior executive positions at Science Park Development Corporation, a Yale-affiliated technology park in New Haven.

McCraven's experience in community economic development includes affordable housing, small business development, and community revitalization. Major real estate transactions included the financing of more than 50 Habitat for Humanity homes; ArLoW, a mixed-income artist housing/retail development; and management of Fairbank, a 121-unit Section 8 senior housing project in New Haven.

McCraven currently serves as vice-chair of the Gateway Community College Foundation and Treasurer of the NewAlliance Foundation. He also serves on the boards of Albertus Magnus College, ConnCAT, and the Evergreen Cemetery. Paul is a trustee emeritus of Hampshire College, and is a former member of the Federal Reserve of Boston Community Advisory Board.

He graduated from Hopkins School in New Haven and served as a trustee. He earned an MBA in marketing from Columbia School of Business and a B.A. from Hampshire College.