Mary Culler is chief of staff, Office of the Executive Chairman, president, Ford Motor Company Fund and development director for Ford’s Michigan Central Station redevelopment.

Culler reports to Executive Chairman Bill Ford. She has responsibility for advancing strategic priorities and shaping internal and external engagement for the Office of the Executive Chairman in areas such as sustainability, smart mobility, autonomous driving and corporate citizenship. She is also overseeing the strategic direction of the Michigan Central Station Redevelopment and other Ford properties in Corktown. Culler became president of the Ford Fund Jan. 1, 2020. In that role she oversees the company’s philanthropic investments.

Prior to this position, Culler was director, Ford U.S. State and Local Government Relations. In this role, she managed Ford’s engagement with policymakers nationwide on a wide range of automotive and community issues. Her team also negotiated investment and job creation incentives in Ford plant states.

Other positions at Ford included managing Ford’s North Central Region’s Government Relations Office in Chicago, Illinois, where she spearheaded the company’s Operation Better World community and dealer relations efforts. She also led Ford’s Global Public Policy office in Dearborn, Michigan, managing the development of key company policies and positions.

Prior to joining Ford in 1999, Culler worked for Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley as manager of the city’s Industrial Development Program. In that capacity, she worked with businesses on economic development and job creation initiatives.

Culler also held several positions at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., including deputy director of the National Brownfields program where she launched the national program to remove regulatory barriers regarding the cleanup of abandoned industrial properties. She also worked in the U.S. Senate on energy and natural resource issues for the Chair of the Energy and Natural Resource Committee.

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