

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
November 4, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Confirmation of the Reappointment of the President for the University of West Florida

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Confirm the reappointment of Dr. Martha Saunders as the president of the University of West Florida.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board Regulation 1.001(5)(c); Section 1001.706, Florida Statutes.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Board Regulation 1.001(5)(c) requires renewals of presidential employment agreements to be confirmed by the Board of Governors.

On September 16, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the University of West Florida approved an amendment to Dr. Saunders' employment contract, unanimously reappointing Dr. Saunders to serve as the president of the University of West Florida. The reappointment extends the term of Dr. Saunders' contract through December 31, 2022. Chair Suzanne Lewis is requesting confirmation of Dr. Saunders' reappointment by the Board of Governors.

Highlights of Dr. Saunders' leadership of the University of West Florida are included in the Board materials.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** 1. Letter from the University of West Florida Board of Trustees Chair  
2. Leadership Highlights/ Contract Terms

**Facilitators/Presenters:** Sydney Kitson, Chair, Board of Governors  
Suzanne Lewis, Chair, University of West Florida Board of Trustees