

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Resolution

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, President Martha Saunders has provided distinguished and outstanding service to the University of West Florida, its Board of Trustees, and its student body. Serving as the president of UWF between 2017 and 2025, Dr. Saunders held the honor of serving as the 6th president since April 21st, 2017, and served in this capacity proudly for 8 years; and

WHEREAS, while serving as the President, Dr. Saunders has led UWF to numerous outstanding and escalating rankings. The university was ranked in the top 15 public regional institutions in the South by U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges for 5 consecutive years and has been consistently named a “Great College to Work For” by ModernThink and featured in the Chronicle of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career in higher education, Dr. Saunders’s dedication and commitment contributed to academics and leadership roles at universities in Florida, Georgia, Wisconsin, and Mississippi. Her area of academic expertise is in public relations and crisis communication for which she has won numerous awards, including two coveted Silver Anvils from the Public Relations Society of America; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Governors, meeting at the Live Oak Pavilion on this 18th day of June 2025, do hereby recognize and commend President Martha Saunders for her contributions to the University of West Florida and the State University System and do wish her well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution be presented to Dr. Martha Saunders as a token of the Board’s appreciation and thanks.

Brian Lamb, Chair

Alan Levine, Vice Chair

Ray Rodrigues, Chancellor

*Rachel Kamoutsas,
Chief of Staff and Corporate Secretary*

