

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Full Board**  
January 29, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Confirmation of President-Elect for the University of West Florida

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider confirmation of the President-Elect for the University of West Florida

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Florida Constitution 7(d), Art. IX and Board of Governors Regulation 1.002

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In the summer of 2025, the University of West Florida Board of Trustees selected Manny Diaz, Jr., as the interim president, which was subsequently confirmed by the Board of Governors. UWF then launched its presidential search process for the university's next permanent president. UWF's presidential search committee ultimately recommended Mr. Diaz as the sole finalist to be considered by the UWF Board of Trustees. On January 8, 2026, the UWF Board of Trustees selected Mr. Diaz as UWF's next president. Pursuant to Board of Governors Regulation 1.002, UWF Board of Trustees Chair Rebecca Matthews requests that the Board of Governors confirm Mr. Diaz as UWF's seventh president.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

1. Letter from UWF Chair Matthews
2. Presidential Search Packet

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

Chair Levine