

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Resolution

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Chair Debra A. Jenks has served with distinction as a member of the New College of Florida Board of Trustees since January 6, 2023, and as Chair beginning January 31, 2023, providing leadership and guidance during a transformative time for the institution while advancing the mission and priorities of both New College and the State University System of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chair Jenks is a proud alumna of New College of Florida, having earned a bachelor’s degree in economics, before earning her juris doctor from Lewis and Clark Law School; and

WHEREAS, Chair Jenks brought legal and public service experience through her role as owner of Debra Jenks, PA, as Past President and current Director of the North County Section of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and as a Commissioner on the Fourth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission, providing thoughtful governance and strategic leadership that supported institutional growth; and

WHEREAS, under Chair Jenks’ leadership, New College of Florida experienced remarkable progress, including enrollment growth, increased philanthropic investment, and enhanced engagement among alumni and community partners, contributing to the continued excellence and national reputation of New College of Florida as a leading liberal arts college; and

WHEREAS, Chair Jenks has been a strong advocate for preserving the distinctive academic traditions that define New College of Florida, including its commitment to intellectual curiosity and independent thinking; and

WHEREAS, as she concludes her service as Chair of the New College of Florida Board of Trustees, Chair Jenks continues her dedicated service as a member of the Board of Trustees, ensuring that her experience, leadership, and commitment to the institution will continue to benefit New College and the State University System of Florida; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Governors do hereby recognize and commend Chair Debra A. Jenks for her leadership, service, and commitment to New College of Florida and the State University System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be presented to Chair Debra A. Jenks as a token of the Board’s sincere appreciation and with best wishes for continued success in her service as a member of the New College of Florida Board of Trustees and in all future endeavors.

Alan Levine, Chair

Tim Cerio, Vice Chair

Ray Rodrigues, Chancellor

Amanda Gay
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary