



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF TRUSTEE**

***Chase Franklin***

**WHEREAS, Chase Franklin** of Seattle, WA was appointed to the Western Washington University Board of Trustees by Governor Inslee on June 2, 2014; and was reappointed to a second term in 2019; and

**WHEREAS, Chase Franklin** was instrumental in strategic planning for the future of the university. He consistently considered issues within the context of the mission, vision, values, and goals of the institution and effectively fulfilled his role as a fiduciary; and

**WHEREAS, Chase Franklin** thinks creatively, raises germane issues, and challenges assumptions in thoughtful ways. He often posed important questions in committee and full Board meetings that helped shape the University's approach to student achievement, infrastructure planning and risk management; and

**WHEREAS, Chase Franklin** demonstrated his leadership by serving as Vice Chair of the Board from 2016-2022. During his tenure on the Board, he served on every committee that existed during his term, including the Executive Committee, Governance Committee, Trustees Committee, Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee and the Finance, Audit and Enterprise Risk Management Committee. He served as Chair of the Finance, Audit and Enterprise Risk Management Committee in 2024-2025; and

**WHEREAS, Chase Franklin** chaired the first-ever Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing and led that group to develop a policy on Socially Responsible Investing that was adopted by the Board; and

**WHEREAS, Chase Franklin** was a respectful colleague who added both his expertise and vibrant personality to the professional and personal relationships he built on the Board; and

**WHEREAS, Chase Franklin**, and his wife, Teri, are committed to teaching and learning at Western, and through the Foundation for Western Washington University and Alumni, endowed the WWU College of Business and Economics' Allette and Cayden Franklin Excellence in Teaching Award; and

**WHEREAS, Chase Franklin** is a proud Western Washington University alum, long-time Trustee, and forever friend to Western Washington University; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University that **Chase Franklin** is hereby honored for outstanding service and dedication to the University and is extended the gratitude and best wishes of the entire University community.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its meeting on August 15, 2025.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Faith Li Pettis".

Faith Li Pettis, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Witherspoon".

Chris Witherspoon, Vice Chair