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### **SCHEDULE 14A**

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Willdan Group, Inc.

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# Online

Before the Annual Meeting, Go to www.investorvote.com/WLDN or scan the QR code - login details are located in the shaded bar below.

During the Annual Meeting. Go to https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/tvdzawp6. Have the number that is printed in the shaded bar below available and follow the instructions on the reverse side.

## **Annual Meeting Notice**

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# Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Willdan Group, Inc. Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on June 8, 2023

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a paper or email copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This is not a ballot. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The 2023 proxy statement and 2022 Annual Report to shareholders are available at http://ir.willdangroup.com/financial-information/annual-reports

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# Easy Online Access – View your proxy materials and vote.

Go to www.investorvote.com/WLDN. Step 1:

- Step 2: Click on the icon on the right to view meeting materials.
- Step 3: Return to the investorvote.com window and follow the instructions on the screen to log in.
- Make your selections as instructed on each screen for your delivery preferences. Step 4:
- Step 5: Vote your shares.

When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.



Obtaining a Paper or Email Copy of the Proxy Materials – If you want to receive a copy of the proxy materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a paper or email copy. Please make your request as instructed on the reverse side on or before May 26, 2023 to facilitate timely delivery.

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### **Annual Meeting Notice**

### Willdan Group, Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

#### Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

#### The Board of Directors recommend a vote FOR all the nominees listed and FOR Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5.

- 1. Election of seven members of the Board of Directors, each to serve a one-year term or until their successors are duly elected and qualified:
  - 01 Thomas D. Brisbin
  - 02 Steven A. Cohen
  - 03 Cynthia A. Downes
  - 04 Dennis V. McGinn
  - 05 Wanda K. Reder
  - 06 Keith W. Renken
  - 07 Mohammad Shahidehpour
- 2. Ratification of the appointment of Crowe LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 29, 2023.
- 3. Approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of our named executive officer compensation.
- Approval of an amendment to the Company's 2008 Performance Incentive Plan (the "2008 Plan"), including an increase in the number of shares available for grant under the 2008 Plan.
- Approval of an amendment to the Company's 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"), including an increase in the number of shares available for issuance under the ESPP.

# PLEASE NOTE - YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must go online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card.

### The 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of WILLDAN GROUP, INC. will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time, virtually via the internet at URL: https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/tydzawp6.

To access the virtual meeting, you must have the information that is printed in the shaded bar located on the reverse side of this form.



#### Here's how to order a paper or email copy of the proxy materials and select delivery preferences:

Current and future delivery requests can be submitted using the options below.

If you request an email copy, you will receive an email with a link to the current meeting materials.

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- Internet Go to www.investorvote.com/WLDN.
- Phone Call Computershare free of charge at 1-866-641-4276.
- Email Send an email to investorvote@computershare.com with "Proxy Materials Willdan Group, Inc." in the subject line. Include your
  full name and address, plus the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse side, and state whether you want a paper or email
  copy of the meeting materials.

To facilitate timely delivery, requests for a paper copy of proxy materials must be received by May 26, 2023.