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July 14, 2022

Department of State Corporations Division The Centre of Tallahassee 2415 N. Monroe Street, Suite 810 Tallahassee, FL 32303

Re: Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Florida Institute of Accountants, Inc.
Restated Articles of Incorporation
Document No. 715968

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed are the Restated Articles of Incorporation of FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation.

I have enclosed the fee of \$35.00 for filing and \$8.75 for a certified copy, totaling \$43.75. Please return a certified copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Hart

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October 25, 2022

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Document No. 715968

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed are the Restated Articles of Incorporation of FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS. INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation.

Also enclosed is your letter of October 17, 2022 requesting the date of adoption be included in the document. The adoption date has been added on page 4 of the document.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

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cc: Shelly Weir, FICPA

Donna Son, FICPA



October 17, 2022

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SUBJECT: FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

AND FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS, INC.

Ref. Number: 715968

We have received your document for FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$43.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The date of adoption of each amendment must be included in the document.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6050.

Diane Cushing Senior Section Administrator

Letter Number: 022A00023239

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## FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS RESTATED

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### **ARTICLE I: Name**

The name of this corporation shall be Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Florida Institute of Accountants, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II: Purposes**

This corporation shall be operated as a corporation described in s. 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and its purposes shall be:

- (a) To foster ethical conduct and promote standards of independence, integrity, and objectivity in the profession.
- (b) To promote the establishment and maintenance of high educational and professional requirements for persons in the profession.
- (c) To monitor and actively participate in public policy-making processes which impact the profession.
- (d) To collect, analyze and interpret data on changing market, economic, governmental, and technological conditions affecting the profession.
- (e) To encourage the analysis, discussion, and understanding of issues and trends in the profession.
- (f) To expand the public's knowledge and understanding of the profession.
- (g) To maintain relationships and activities with other organizations in the pursuit of the Institute's mission.
- (h) To provide an organizational structure which efficiently utilizes volunteer leader and professional staff resources for the continuing development of programs which effectively address the expectations of all members as defined by the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE III: Powers**

This corporation may do any and all other things which corporations not for profit are authorized to do under the laws of the State of Florida as the same now exist or may hereafter be amended.

### FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS RESTATED

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### **ARTICLE IV: Term**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE V: Subscribers

The name and residences of the initial subscribers of this corporation were:

Harold E. Walker
Donald P. Zima
Patrick J. Knipe
George L. Patterson
Morton L. Weinberger
Charles H. Fairchild
Lloyd A. Turman

Miami, Florida Daytona Beach, Florida

Orlando, Florida St. Petersburg, Florida

Miami, Florida Pensacola, Florida Gainesville, Florida

#### ARTICLE VI: Council - Board of Directors - Officers

**Section 1.** The Council of this corporation shall consist of not less than twenty-one (21) members. The Council shall establish the Bylaws and policies of this corporation. Eligibility and membership on the Council shall be determined by the Bylaws of this corporation and/or by policy established by the Council.

**Section 2.** The volunteer officers of this corporation shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, and, effective July 1,2023, the Immediate Past Chair, and such Directors as determined by the Bylaws of this corporation. The President/CEO shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation. The President/CEO shall report to the Board of Directors and shall be a position filled by professional paid staff.

**Section 3.** The management of the affairs of this corporation shall be determined by the Bylaws of this corporation established by the Council and/or by policy established by the Council and/or Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VII: Membership

This corporation shall have voting members, non-voting members and honorary members with such classifications, qualifications, rights and privileges of membership as set forth in the Bylaws of this corporation and/or by policy established by the Council.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: Notice to Members**

Unless otherwise provided in the Articles or Bylaws, notification to members shall be provided in a manner authorized by Florida law.

## FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### ARTICLE IX: Bylaws

**Section 1.** Provided a quorum is present, the Bylaws of this corporation shall be made, altered, or rescinded by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council who are eligible to vote as defined by the Bylaws (*Article XV*), at any regular or special meeting of the Council. The Bylaws of this corporation may also be made, altered, or rescinded by consent of two-thirds (2/3) of ballots cast by members of the Council who are eligible to vote as defined by the Bylaws (*Article XV*). At least fifty percent (50%) of the Council eligible to vote must cast a ballot for the vote to be valid. Any change of the Bylaws at a meeting of the Council must be preceded by notice to the members of the Council at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting stating the proposed amendment and the reasons therefore, except for the following provision. Provided a quorum is present, the Council may waive the fifteen (15) day notice requirement by an affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Council who are eligible to vote as defined by the Bylaws (*Article XV*), at any regular or special meeting of the Council.

**Section 2.** Except as otherwise provided, a proposal to amend the Bylaws may be made by a petition of not less than ten percent (10%) of the Voting members. The proposal shall be submitted to the Council for consideration as provided by Section 1 above. If rejected, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to all Voting members of the corporation for a vote by mail or electronically transmitted ballot. If at least two-thirds (2/3) of those voting approve such a proposal, it shall become effective as an amendment to the Bylaws.

On any mail or electronically transmitted vote, no less than ten percent (10%) of all Voting members shall cast a ballot to constitute a valid action. Mail and electronically transmitted ballots shall be considered valid and counted only if received in the corporation principal office within sixty (60) days from the date of sending the ballot to the members. Any mail or electronically transmitted ballot must be preceded by notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the ballot stating the proposed amendment, the reasons thereof and the Council and/or the Board of Directors recommendation(s).

#### ARTICLE X: Amendment

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made by an affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Council, who are eligible to vote as defined by the Bylaws (Article XV) present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Council, provided that in any instance notice of any such amendment shall be provided to each Voting member of the corporation at least fifteen (15) days prior to any such meeting.

Pursuant to Section 617.1002 and 617.1007, Florida Statues, and the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, there are no members entitled to vote on proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. The Council authorized and consented to the filing of the Corporation's Restated Articles of Incorporation.

# FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Witness Whereof, these Restated Articles of Incorporation shall be effective as of the date filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. The date the Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted was on June 10, 2022.

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided for in Section 817.155, F.S.

Dated: \_July 12, 2022\_\_\_

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS, INC.

By: //////////
Shelly Weir, Secretary/Treasure